

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture

Week 18: Jacob's Final Words and Death

Discussion Questions

Jacob's life demonstrates the tension between who we are in the flesh and who God calls us to be. In what areas of your life do you most struggle with this tension between your old self and your new identity in Christ?

The sermon emphasizes that God looks at the heart rather than outward appearance. How does this truth challenge the way you evaluate yourself and others in your daily life?

Reuben lost his birthright due to uncontrolled passions and poor character. What patterns or habits in your life might be undermining the future God has for you, and what steps can you take to address them?

Judah's story shows that God's grace can rewrite even the most broken narratives. What past failures or regrets do you need to surrender to God, trusting that He can bring redemption and purpose from them?

The tribes of Simeon and Levi show how anger and violence can have generational consequences, yet Levi's descendants became priests. What does this teach us about the possibility of transformation even when our past is marked by sin?

Joseph remained faithful and fruitful despite constant attacks and hardships because of his fellowship with God. How does your relationship with God sustain you during seasons of difficulty, and what practices help you maintain that connection?

Jacob finally comes to peace with being both Jacob and Israel after 147 years. Why do you think spiritual maturity and acceptance of God's work in us often takes so long, and what can we learn from this process?

The sermon asks whether it is ever too late for heart change or to right a wrong. Have you witnessed or experienced a situation where genuine repentance and transformation occurred after many years, and what did that reveal about God's character?

Jacob blessed each son according to their character and choices, showing that our decisions shape our legacy. What kind of spiritual legacy are you currently building for those who come after you?

The prophecy over Judah points to Jesus as the Lion of the tribe of Judah and the coming kingdom of unprecedented prosperity. How does keeping an eternal perspective on Christ's kingdom change the way you view your current circumstances and priorities?

