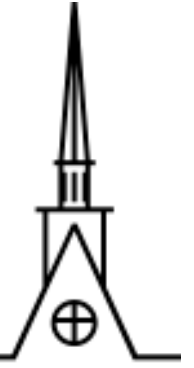


# Sermon Discussion Questions

## Genesis 48:1-49:28

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### Read Genesis 48:1-5

1. Why is it significant that Jacob is passing down a blessing he himself received?
2. Why is it important that God's promises "don't fall through the cracks" across generations?
3. Can you think of ways you've seen God's faithfulness in your own life or family over time?

### Read Genesis 48:8-14

4. Why does Jacob intentionally give the greater blessing to Ephraim (the younger) instead of Manasseh (the older)?
5. Why do you think God repeatedly chooses the younger, weaker, or less expected person (Isaac over Ishmael, Jacob over Esau, Ephraim over Manasseh)?
6. Why is it hard for us to truly accept that God's grace is undeserved?

### Read Genesis 49:1-3

7. Many of Jacob's sons experienced consequences for their sins. What does this teach us about the relationship between sin and future impact?
8. Even with their failures, all the tribes still inherit the promised land. What does that reveal about God?
9. How can both consequences and grace exist at the same time in a believer's life?

### Read Genesis 49:8-12

10. Why is the image of a lion significant when describing this ruler?
11. What other aspects of this prophecy about Jesus jump out to you and why?
12. What are some "cheap blessings" we tend to settle for instead of looking to Christ?
13. In what areas of your life are you tempted to define blessing in a shallow or self-focused way?
14. How can you actively remind yourself this week of the true blessing you have in Christ?