

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – Joseph’s Forgiveness

Read Genesis 42-45

- What were Benjamin's brothers willing to do to ensure Benjamin's safety? (Gen. 42:37)
- Why did Jacob finally let Benjamin go to Egypt with his brothers?
- Why was it hard for Jacob to let Benjamin go to Egypt?
- Have you ever lost something or someone who you loved? How can you heal the pain?
- Why were Joseph's brothers afraid of Joseph?
- Whose health did Joseph ask about? (Gen. 43:28)
- Where did Joseph sit when he and his brothers were having dinner? Why? (Gen. 43:32)
- What did Joseph have his servant put in Benjamin's bag? (Gen. 44:2)
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- Why do you think Joseph was testing his brothers? Have you ever been falsely accused of anything?
- How do you challenge a lie? How do you decide when to speak up and when to stay silent?
- What did Judah tell Joseph to convince him to enslave himself rather than Benjamin?
- Why did Joseph cry? (Gen. 45:1)
- According to Joseph, why was he in Egypt? (Gen. 45:5-8)
- How did God take care of Joseph and his entire family? (Gen.45:17-20)
- What can we learn from Joseph's defeats and triumphs?
- Tell about a time when you've had to trust in God even though the situation was pretty bad. What truths helped?
- How do you think Joseph's brothers felt when they discovered him alive and powerful? Do you think they had mixed emotions?
- Which feelings do you think were the most powerful during their reuniting?
- Have you ever wished you hadn't done something? Would you like to be forgiven?
- Why do you think Joseph was able to forgive his brothers?
- What does forgiveness do for people?

- What did Joseph tell his brothers to do?
- How did God comfort Jacob before he moved to Egypt?
- How do you think Jacob and Joseph felt when they finally saw each other after so many years?
- What was Jacob supposed to tell Pharaoh that he and his family did for a living? Why? (Gen. 46:34)
- How did Pharaoh treat Joseph's family? (Gen. 47:5-6)
- What did Jacob do to Pharaoh? (Gen. 47:7)
- How did Joseph run the country? What did he do with the money and cattle?
- How did Joseph save the Egyptians and people in neighboring countries? (Gen. 47:13-21)
- How would you describe Joseph's business sense?
- How did he help both the people and Pharaoh?
- What did Joseph do for the priests? (Gen. 47:26)
- What did Jacob/Israel do for Joseph's sons? (Gen. 48:1-5)
- To whom did Israel give the greater blessing? Does that remind you of anything or anyone? (Gen.48:13-20)