

Genesis 43-46 Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. From Gen 44:1-17 what “trick” did Joseph play (v1-2, 3-6)? How did the brothers react (v7, 8, 9) and what was the result (v10-13)? How did this affect them and Joseph (v14-17)?</p>	
<p>5. In Gen 44:18-34 what did Judah tell Joseph (v18-31) and why was he the spokesman (v32)? What did he propose (v33-34)? What evidence is there that the brothers’ hearts had changed?</p>	
<p>6. Read Gen 45:1-8. What did Joseph command and why (v1-2)? What did he reveal (v3, 4) and how did the brothers react (v3)? How did he explain what had happened (v5-7, 8)? Apply.</p>	
<p>7. Looking at Gen 45:9-15 what did Joseph tell his brothers to do (v9-10, 12-13) and what did he plan (v11)? Why was he so urgent? How did he show his forgiveness (v11, 14-15)?</p>	
<p>8. Using Gen 45:16-28 what was the response to Joseph’s family reunion (v16)? What did Pharaoh and Joseph do for them (v17-18, 19-20, 21-23) and what did Joseph advise (v24)? How did Jacob respond (v25-27)?</p>	
<p>9. From Gen 46:1-27 what did Israel do when he left (v1) and what did God promise (v2-3, 4)? What did they take with them (v5-7), and how many of Israel’s family went (v27)?</p>	
<p>10. In Gen 46:28-34 describe Joseph’s encounter with Jacob (v28-29, 30). Why were they able to settle in Goshen (v31-34) and why was it important that they remained separate?</p>	
<p>11. Name some of the unexpected things that occurred in these chapters. What was God teaching the brothers and Jacob about themselves? What did they learn about God?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

“And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.”

Genesis 45:7 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—The Best Gift (2 Cor 5:11-21)

(Using questions based on today’s message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. What was the best gift you ever gave someone at Christmas? Why does giving feel so much more satisfying than receiving?
2. Read 2 Cor 5:10-15. What are some motivations for giving others the gift of the gospel (v10-11, 13-14)? What are some of the pitfalls associated with this (v11, 12-13)?
3. According to v15 what was the purpose of Jesus’ resurrection? Why is it so important to live beyond yourself and how well are you doing this?
4. Discuss how we typically view others (v16) and how this often limits us in sharing Christ. What possibilities are opened when someone comes to know Him (v17)?
5. What does it mean to you that you are truly God’s friend (v18-19)? What had to occur for this new relationship to happen? Why?
6. Why should we be so set on taking this “ministry of reconciliation” (v18) to others (v19-21)? How can we do this locally? How can we do this beyond our borders?
7. Discuss anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Introduction to Genesis 43-46

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

It has been said that “time and truth walk hand in hand”, meaning that the truth will eventually come out in due time. This week’s study illustrates this very well.

Genesis 43 opens with Jacob’s family starving because of the famine in their area, but with him unwilling to let his sons return to Egypt for food. The presence of his youngest son, Benjamin, was required for them to buy food, and he was afraid to lose him as he had Joseph. Judah took responsibility for him, setting the stage for an astonishing coincidence. When they returned they were immediately taken to Joseph’s house for dinner, creating fear of his reprisal for the extra money that had been found in their sacks from the last visit. Joseph’s servant assured them that this was not the case, and when they

sat down to dine they were seated in perfect order based on their age. They were amazed over this and wondered about the great reception given them. Joseph, though, had another test for them that would lead them to an admission of truth about the evil they had done. He had their sacks filled not only with grain, but also money when they left again; but this time he put his silver cup in Benjamin’s sack. When they were confronted about this and told that Benjamin would become an Egyptian slave because of it, they were distraught. They showed evidence of changed hearts, however. They did not want to bring about their father’s sorrow or death, so Judah sought to bear the blame and become the servant instead. At this point Joseph finally revealed



God raises up key people to follow who change the course of history.

his identity and they experienced an amazing reunion. He reassured them that what they had done had been according to God’s plan to preserve them during this famine. He encouraged them to quickly go back and get Jacob, which they did, and their reconciliation was clear as they wept over one another. After convincing Jacob that the story was true, they brought their entire family, seventy in all, along with their possessions, to Egypt and settled in Goshen. For Jacob’s family time and truth had indeed walked hand in hand.

Daily Study Questions for Genesis 43-46

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Genesis 43:1-15. What did Jacob say (v1-2) and what was Judah’s answer (v3-5)? How did Jacob react (v6)? What did Judah propose (v7-10) and what was Jacob’s response (v11-14)?</p>	
<p>2. From 43:15-25 what did Joseph do when he saw Benjamin (v15-17) and how did the men respond (v18, 19-22)? What was the steward’s answer (v23) and what did he do for them (v24-25)?</p>	
<p>3. Using 43:26-34 how did the brothers greet Joseph (v26, 28) and what was Joseph’s concern (v27, 29)? How did he react (v30)? What was surprising about the dinner (v31-32, 33, 34)?</p>	

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