

## GO DEEPER

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Choose either to read the whole text, or do your best to summarize the story.

If you had to give a title to this section of scripture, what would it be?

Share any observation you have from the text or sermon. What stands out to you? Was anything new, surprising, challenging, etc?

What questions do you have from the story or the sermon?

### **Talk About It**

If you were Joseph, how would you have reacted to seeing your brothers?

How does Jacob fail to love to his boys? How do his sons fail to love Jacob?

Why does Joseph not reveal himself? Why does his test the brothers? And why is he so concerned to get Benjamin to Egypt?

Where and how do you see maturity and transformation in the main characters?

Where is God in all this? And what does God seem to be up to?

Pastor Adam talked about how Joseph, Jacob, and the Brothers each had to face their greatest fears. Think through each of these three, what were they afraid of and why? What specific or unique temptations did they face as a result of their fears? What would it look like for each of them to name and face their fears?

Is there one of these characters you most relate to? Why?

Why is it so difficult to admit and confront our fear?

What happens when we deny, ignore, or try to control our fear?

What is God's solution to our fears? How do we receive it?

Pastor Adam talked about how Joseph, Jacob, and the Brothers each had to release something to God before they could be healed. Describe what each of them had to release and the unique way each had to trust God.

Is there one of these situations/people you most relate to? Why?

What might you be holding on to that is in the way of receiving the healing and restoration you need from God? What would it look like to release it and choose to trust in God's power and mercy? How can you begin this today?

**Close** by reading Psalm 146 as a praise and prayer together.

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