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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

Joseph is overwhelmed with compassion and tenderness when he saw Benjamin. But he didn't choose to reveal himself at this moment, why? What reasons does he have for continuing to test the brothers?

Why does Joseph spoil Benjamin and then set him up as the fall guy?

How have the brothers changed from chapter 37 to now? Try to be specific and use examples. What do these changes show us?

In 44:16 when Judah confesses, what is he actually doing? Is he giving a false confession to take the heat off Ben? Is he confessing what they did to Joseph? Or something else? Explain your answer

The word "father" is used 20 times, and the word "brother" occurs 16 times. Why are these words being emphasized so much?

What is extraordinary about Judah's speech and his offer to Joseph?

To whom is Judah showing *Hesed* (faithful love/covenant faithfulness)?

Has anyone in scripture, up to this point, done anything similar?

Thinking about the whole Bible, why is it significant that *Judah* does it?

Why is Joseph finally willing to reveal himself and reconcile with his brothers?

How do forgiveness and blessing flow beyond Joseph and his brothers?

What does this story teach us about who God is and what he does? How do you see the Gospel being revealed?

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