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Talk About It

In what ways does Pharaoh reflect God's image in this story?

Why does Pharaoh show such eager generosity to Jacob?

How does Joseph continue the process of reconciliation and restoration with his brothers? What is significant about Joseph's gifts?

Pastor Adam talked about the reality that God doesn't treat everyone the same. What was your response when he said this? Why? How do you feel about it?

Where in scripture do you see God blessing people differently?

Why does God do this? What should our response be?

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Consider God's words to Jacob at Beersheba

What do they reveal about God?

How do they comfort Jacob?

How do they relate to previous promises God made?

Pastor Adam talked about how the genealogy in Gen 46 is meant to overlap with the Noah Genealogy in Gen 10. What other similarities, echoes, and overlaps do you see between these two stories?

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