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

Talk About It

Why does Judah go ahead of Jacob to Goshen? What is significant here?

How does it echo the reunion of Jacob and Esau in Gen 33?

Compare and contrast these two reunions.

Joseph seems intent on having his family settle in Goshen. How does he manage to arrange this? What does he do to ensure it happens? Why does he want it?

Compare and contrast the episodes of the brothers before Pharaoh and Joseph before Pharaoh. What do you notice? What does it teach us?

Pastor Adam highlighted the themes of Blessing, Sojourning, and the Garden.

What is the role of blessing in this story?

Where and how do you see blessing occur?

How does blessing subvert and invert power structures?

Why is it important that we see Genesis 12:3 enacted?

What is the role of blessing for us as Christians? How should we embrace and live out the call to bless others?

What does it mean to Sojourn? Why does Jacob use this term?

Where else do you see this idea expressed in scripture?

How does identifying as a sojourner free us to follow God?

How does the land of Goshen point back to the garden?

Why does this matter? What is the point?

How does the “Garshen” point forward to New Creation?

How does this remind us of our ultimate hope?

Is there any specific invitation you sense from the Spirit through this story?

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