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

If you were splitting this passage into sections, where would you place the divisions? What title would you give to each section?

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

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

Talk About It

What do you notice about the literary structure of this passage? How is it organized? What is that meant to show us and teach us?

How do Israel and Egypt compare and contrast in this passage?

Read Genesis 9:22-27; Gen 12:3; Gen 35:9-13; Gen 46:3 Where and how do you see these previous promises being fulfilled in this passage? Why does it matter?

Where do you see the Genesis 1-2 Garden theme continue to play out?

Pastor Adam noted how Joseph tended to his family first and then turned his attention to helping the whole nation. How does this idea fit with Passages such as: 1Thess 4:11-12; Phil 2:3-4; Eph 4:28; 1Tim 3:1-5; Gal 5:14; Gal 6:10?

Do you feel any tensions here? If so, where?

What's the danger in neglecting responsibility to those closest to us?

What's the danger in overemphasizing this same responsibility?

How can we navigate this tension with wisdom?

Pastor Adam focused on the Egyptians selling themselves into slavery.

Why did they do this? Was it necessary? Why/Why not?

How does this reflect our relationship to sin?

Why is it uncomfortable to admit responsibility for our enslavement?

Why is it necessary to admit responsibility?

What false promise does sin give us? Why do we trust it?

Read Luke 4:16-21. What hope does Jesus give us in the face of slavery to sin?

Where do you need to experience this freedom in your life?

How will you take steps toward Jesus and thus toward freedom?

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