



Week 10 TWS- “Forgiveness” — Joseph’s Story Part 2 (Genesis 47–50)

Icebreaker

- Share a time when you had to admit you were wrong. How did the other person respond?
- What’s the hardest part for you—admitting fault or forgiving someone who hurt you? Why?

READ: Genesis 45:1–15 and Genesis 50:15–21

QUESTIONS:

Understanding the Story

1. What stood out to you in this story or from the sermon on Sunday?
 2. How do you think Joseph was able to forgive his brothers?
- Asking for Forgiveness
3. Read Matthew 5:23–24. How does Jesus’ teaching here connect to what Joseph’s brothers did?
 4. Why is it so difficult for us to ask for forgiveness?
 5. How can pride and fear keep us from owning our sin?
 6. What’s the difference between saying sorry and asking for forgiveness?

Offering Forgiveness

7. Joseph didn’t minimize what his brothers did, but he didn’t hold it against them. How does that challenge the way we often approach forgiveness?
8. Why is forgiving others essential for spiritual health (read Colossians 3:13)?
9. How does remembering the Gospel help us forgive even when it’s hard?

Personal Application

10. Is there someone you’ve hurt and need to go to this week to ask for forgiveness?
11. Is there someone you need to forgive but have been avoiding?
12. How can this group support you in taking that step?

Challenge:

Make a debt ledger this week. Take a piece of paper and write down the person that offended you, what they took from you or what they owe you. Pray over the debt ledger and then release the debt. Give it to the Lord. After giving it to the Lord, write across the paper “PAID IN FULL” and then release the debt.

Announcements:

Heart and Soul Part 2 begins at 3:30pm THIS Sunday!!! We are feeding you, so come hungry. If you want to become H&S, please let Pastor Stanley know, and he will get you caught up with session 1, so you can attend session 2 at 3:30pm.