

SMALL GROUP

Discussion on Genesis 43

1. Undoubtedly, Jacob offered up many prayers that went unanswered for God to end the famine (Gen. 43:1-2). How should faith in God's sovereign will affect how the Christian should pray? Read Matthew 26:39, 42-44.
2. Joseph's brothers were afraid and expected the worst (Gen. 43:18), but Joseph showed them kindness (Gen. 43:23-24). Discuss how God, through Joseph, used adversity and kindness to lead his brothers repentance. Read Romans 2:4, 2 Corinthians 7:10, Hebrews 12:5-11
3. Joseph's brothers hated him because of the favoritism that their father had shown to Joseph (Gen. 37:4). Here, Joseph gives Benjamin five times as much food as his older brothers receive, to test their response (Gen. 43:34). Discuss why God tests His children. What happens when we pass a test? What happens when we fail a test? Read Isaiah 48:10

Applications for this Week
