

SMALL GROUP

Discussion on Genesis 48

1. Joseph's sons became two of the tribes of Israel through adoption by Jacob. Read Ephesians 1:4-6, and discuss who, when, why, and what it means to be a son or daughter of God by adoption.

2. The Hebrew birthright (also known as right of the firstborn) included a double portion of the inheritance, and being dedicated and set apart to God. Under the New Covenant, the people of God are called the "church of the *firstborn*" (Heb. 12:22-24). Discuss how this designation applies to the church. Read Psalm 4:3 and Romans 8:17.

3. Discuss what picture God's "right hand" conveys in these verses:
 - Exodus 15:6, Luke 22:69 –
 - Ephesians 1:20-22 –
 - Isaiah 41:10 –
 - Psalm 16:11 –

Applications for this Week
