

1. Jacob is reunited with his son Joseph

- a) What convinced Jacob that his son Joseph was still alive? Genesis 45:24-28
- b) Why is it significant that Jacob departed for Egypt with his new name Israel? (Genesis 32:28, 46:1)
- c) What revelation was given to Israel as he began his journey south to Egypt? Genesis 46:2-4
- d) How are you impacted as you consider Jacob's reunion with his son Joseph? Genesis 46:29-30

2. Jacob and his family settle in Goshen

- a) Why did Joseph instruct his brothers to identify themselves as shepherds? Genesis 46:31-34
- b) How did the Pharaoh show kindness to Jacob's family? Genesis 47:1-6
- c) Why did Jacob bless the Pharaoh even though the Pharaoh despised shepherds? Genesis 47:7-10
- d) Share a time when God impressed you to pray a blessing for someone in the name of Jesus.
- e) How did the LORD bless Jacob's family in the land of Goshen? Genesis 47:27

3. Jacob blesses his descendants

- a) Why did Jacob begin by blessing Joseph's two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, the only two grandsons he blessed? Genesis 48:1-6
- b) How did the LORD direct Jacob in the blessing of Manasseh and Ephraim? Genesis 48:8-19
- c) When blessing his twelve sons, what additional revelation was given through Jacob? Genesis 49:1-2, 28

- d) What prophesy regarding Messiah do you see embedded in Jacob's predictions regarding his son Judah? Genesis 49:8-10
- e) What comfort do you find in this prophecy about Judah's

4. Jacob's death and subsequent events

- a) Why did Jacob give instructions to his sons that he should be buried back in Canaan rather than in Egypt? Genesis 49:29-33
- b) How did Joseph respond after the death of his father? Genesis 50:1-9
- c) Why were Joseph's brothers anxious after the death of their father? Genesis 50:15, 18
- d) How did Joseph respond when he learned of his brothers' fears? Genesis 50:17b, 19-21
- e) How can we experience complete freedom from guilt over past failures and sins?
- f) What was Joseph's final request? Genesis 50:25

5. Discussion question:

What is the most important lesson you have learned from your study of the Book of Genesis?