



South Sub Church

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“When God Provides the Place”

Genesis 46 [46:1-4 (NLT) listed]

So Jacob set out for Egypt with all his possessions. And when he came to Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father, Isaac. ² During the night God spoke to him in a vision. “Jacob! Jacob!” he called. “Here I am,” Jacob replied. ³ “I am God, the God of your father,” the voice said. “Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make your family into a great nation. ⁴ I will go with you down to Egypt, and I will bring you back again. You will die in Egypt, but Joseph will be with you to close your eyes.”

Sermon Summary:

Life doesn't always make sense in the moment. Betrayal, disappointment, temptation, loss, and waiting can leave us wondering where God is in the middle of it all. Yet the story of Joseph reminds us that even when all seems lost, God is still working behind the scenes - preparing us for purpose and revealing His greater plan. Join us as we walk through one of the most powerful stories in Scripture and discover how God can use every season of life to shape something bigger than we can see.

Fun, non-threatening Ice Breaker questions:

1. Have you ever had to make a major transition or move in life?
2. What's one way God has provided for you during a difficult season?
3. How do you usually respond when facing uncertainty about the future?
4. What family tradition or value is especially meaningful to you?
5. Have you ever experienced unexpected favor or blessing during hardship?

Objective Bible study questions (observation):

1. What did God tell Jacob in the visions at Beersheba?
2. Who traveled with Jacob to Egypt?
3. Approximately how many members of Jacob's family went to Egypt?
4. Which son did Jacob send ahead to Joseph?
5. How did Joseph respond when he reunited with Jacob?



6. In what region of Egypt did Pharaoh allow Joseph's family to settle?
7. What occupation did Joseph's brothers have?
8. How did the famine continue to affect Egypt and Canaan?
9. What did the Egyptians eventually give to Pharaoh in exchange for food?
10. What request did Jacob make of Joseph before his death?

Interpretive Questions (meaning):

1. Why was Jacob initially hesitant to go to Egypt?
2. What does God's reassurance to Jacob reveal about His faithfulness?
3. Why was Goshen a wise place for Joseph's family to settle?
4. What does Joseph's leadership during the famine reveal about wisdom and stewardship?
5. How does Jacob's request about burial reflect his faith in God's promises?

Application questions (life response):

1. How can you trust God during major life transitions or uncertainties?
2. What does faithful stewardship look like in your current season of life?
3. How has God used difficult seasons to provide for or shape you?
4. In what ways can you prioritize faith and family legacy?
5. What promises of God help you remain hopeful about the future?