

## COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Genesis 46:28-47:27

1. Read Genesis 46:28-47:27. What stood out or encouraged you from this week's passage and message?
2. *Nothing happens outside of the sovereignty or providence of God.* How does this truth challenge or comfort you when facing difficult or unclear circumstances in your own life? Do you find trusting in God's sovereignty to be easy, or more of a struggle?
3. God's provision sometimes takes longer to arrive than we expect. Can you share a time in your life when you experienced a delay in God's provision, and what you learned about His timing and faithfulness through the wait?
4. Joseph's family was provided with more than they initially asked for (the "best of the land" and positions of authority). How does Ephesians 3:20-21 relate to your expectations of God's provision, and how have you seen this play out in your life or the lives of others?
5. Jacob described his 130 years as "few and evil," despite being reunited with Joseph and experiencing God's provision. How can our present circumstances or past experiences sometimes colour our view of God's goodness or provision in our lives? How can we work toward maintaining a right understanding of this provision?
6. The sermon discusses God's "common grace," where He provides for both the "righteous" and the "unjust." How does understanding this aspect of God's character impact your view of those around you, particularly those who may not share your faith?
7. How does understanding that God uses "all things" (including suffering) to fulfill His larger purposes change how you interpret difficult seasons in your own spiritual journey or in the world?
8. We are "sojourners" in this world, who will find our ultimate joy and fulfillment in eternity. How does this "sojourner" mindset influence your priorities, aspirations, and perspective on earthly blessings and challenges?
9. Considering all four aspects of God's provision discussed today (takes longer, exceeds needs, for everyone, fulfills His will), what is one practical way you can apply these truths to strengthen your trust in God's provision this week, especially when facing an unmet need or an unclear path?