

## Community Group Questions (Genesis 49:1-27)

1. Read Genesis 49:1-27. What did you find most helpful, challenging, or encouraging from this week's passage and message?
  2. At the start of a new year, people often make predictions or resolutions. What are some hopes or expectations you're carrying into this year?
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### The Pervasiveness of Sin

3. Why is it important that the Bible doesn't sanitize or soften the failures of its main characters?
  4. Jacob's words suggest that sin affects not only individuals but entire families and communities. Where do you see this pattern playing out today?
  5. How does acknowledging the pervasiveness of sin help guard us from unrealistic expectations of churches, leaders, or even ourselves?
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### The Potency of Grace

6. Despite the failures of some of the sons, God still builds a nation from them. What does this tell us about the nature of God's grace?
  7. Levi's transformation—from violent treachery to priestly service—is striking. What does this teach us about God's ability to redeem even our worst tendencies?
  8. Joseph's blessing emphasizes God as the true source of fruitfulness and strength. How does that challenge the way we often tell our own stories?
  9. How might your testimony change if you emphasized God's faithfulness more than your good decisions?
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### The Promise of Redemption

10. Why do you think Jacob pauses in verse 18 to say, "*I wait for your salvation, O LORD*"?
11. How does Jacob's prayer in verse 18 resonate with your own longings or struggles right now?
12. How does seeing Jesus as the fulfillment of Genesis 49 help you understand the unity of the Bible's story?