

Community Group Questions (Genesis 47:27-48:22)

1. Read Genesis 47:28-48:22. What did you find most helpful or encouraging from this week's passage and message?
2. Our passage begins by saying, "*the time drew near that Israel must die.*"
 - How does Scripture's bluntness about death challenge the way our culture speaks about it?
 - Why do you think we avoid thinking about our own mortality?
 - What spiritual benefits come from regularly reflecting on death?
 - Read Hebrews 9:27 and Psalm 90:12. What would change in our lives if we lived more consciously aware that we have an appointment with death and that our days are numbered?
3. Jacob insists on being buried in Canaan—the land of promise.
 - What does this tell us about his faith and hope?
 - What would a similar expression of faith look like in our context?
4. Jacob ends his life in a posture of worship
 - Why do you think maintaining faith into old age can be difficult?
 - What pressures, disappointments, or temptations in later years can pull someone from the Lord?
 - How do we cultivate a long-term faithfulness in our lives?
5. Jacob blesses Ephraim and Manasseh and recounts his own testimony.
 - Why is sharing our personal stories of God's grace powerful for the next generation?
 - Read Psalm 78:5–7. What practical habits help families, churches, or communities consistently pass on the faith?
6. Pastor Lee mentioned "gospel drift"—from believing → assuming → denying.
 - Where do you see this pattern happening today?
 - How do we guard against assuming the gospel in our homes and churches?
7. Ephraim (the younger son) is given a greater blessing than Manasseh (the older son), and Joseph is given a blessing not given to his brothers
 - Why do you think God continually reverses expectations in Scripture?

- How do you typically react when God’s plan for someone else seems “better,” “easier,” or more fruitful than His plan for you?

8. Read John 21:18–22.

- What does Jesus’ response to Peter (“What is that to you? You follow me!”) teach us about comparison and calling?