

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 45:26**IN THE BEGINNING 13-1**

They told him, saying "Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt." And Jacob's heart stood still, because he did not believe them.

"JOSEPH IS ALIVE"
Genesis 45:16 – 48:22

1. What was a new or renewed thought to you from last week's lesson?

DAY 1 – READ Genesis 45:16-28

2. How did Pharaoh extend Egypt's hospitality to Joseph's family?
3. As they departed, what did Joseph . . .
 - a. . . . give the brothers?
 - b. . . . give Benjamin?
 - c. . . . send to his father?
4. a. What was Joseph's parting admonition?
b. Why do you think that was necessary?
5. How did Jacob react . . .
 - a. . . . when his sons came back with the good news that Joseph was alive?
 - b. . . . when he was convinced of the truth of their news?

DAY 2 – READ Genesis 46:1-34

6. a. What did Israel do before leaving for Egypt?
b. What promises would God fulfill for Jacob and his descendants after their move to Egypt?
7. a. How many direct descendants went with Jacob to Egypt?
b. With Joseph's family, there were _____ in all.
8. Describe the reunion between Joseph and Israel.
9. Joseph was concerned that Pharaoh should know the true occupation of his family.
How would that help insure the survival of the small family?

DAY 2 (Continued) – READ Genesis 46:1-34

10. a. (IN-DEPTH) Two instances of bigotry by the Egyptians are recorded in this study (Genesis 43:32, 46:34). Name other incidents of bigotry in the Bible.
- b. What can Christians do personally to counteract bigotry when we are faced with it or when we recognize it in ourselves? Please share.

DAY 3 – READ Genesis 47:1-12

11. a. How did Joseph's five brothers indicate this was a temporary sojourn?
- b. Deeply impressed with Joseph's abilities, how did Pharaoh think he might use more of the family talent?
12. a. When Joseph presented his father Jacob to Pharaoh, what was Pharaoh's question?
- b. What was Jacob's reply and comment?
- c. What did Jacob do before leaving the presence of Pharaoh?
13. a. Besides property, what else did Joseph provide for his family?
- b. Sharing unselfishly out of the abundance that God has given you brings glory to Him and joy to you. In what ways have you shared God's abundance either materially or spiritually recently?

DAY 4 – READ Genesis 47:13-31

14. a. Joseph was still a loyal servant to Pharaoh. What offer did he make to the people when their money for food was exhausted?
- b. When that resource was gone, what did Joseph accept in exchange for food?
- c. How did Pharaoh help the priests?
15. Knowing the famine would end next year, how did Joseph make wise use of the land Pharaoh had accumulated?
16. a. Jacob lived in Egypt 17 years. Why do you think he remained after the famine was over?
- b. What promise did Joseph make to Israel?

DAY 5 – READ Genesis 48:1-22

17. Jacob recalled God's promise concerning Canaan as an inheritance and wished to include Joseph's sons in the heritage. What was Jacob's decision in verses 5,6?
18. a. Why didn't Israel recognize the sons of Joseph standing there?
- b. Why was he grateful to God?
- c. Being a grandparent is special. So is having a loving grandparent. Share with your group the special way either of these statements is true in your life.
19. a. In preparing for the blessing, what did Israel do that displeased Joseph?
- b. What was Israel's reason?
- c. "so he put _____ ahead of _____."
20. a. What special bequeath did Israel make to Joseph?
- b. What more do we learn about this site in John 4:4-6?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: