



FAMILY IMPRESSIONS



Impressing the Love of Jesus on Every Heart in Every Home Every Day

GENESIS 42-45: JOSEPH & HIS BROTHERS

LISTEN

Talk about your day. Check-in to see how everyone is doing. Share blessings and challenges. This will help you connect God's word to your daily lives.

Read Genesis 42-45 at your own pace.

LEARN

Discuss what you've read. Begin with any of your own observations or questions. Discuss the questions for each chapter. Conclude with Luther's Four Questions (bottom).

Genesis 42 Why did Jacob send his sons to Egypt? Why not Benjamin? How do you think the brothers felt? How did Joseph's dreams come true as soon as the brothers approached him? How did Joseph react? Why? What accusation did he make? A/D – Joseph wanted revenge. How do we often seek revenge? What plan did Joseph offer? Why? Were the brothers repenting in vv.21-23, 28? What makes repentance sincere? Why put silver back in sacks? How did they report to Jacob? How did he respond? A/D – Reuben made a good offer.

Genesis 43 Why did Joseph's brothers go to Egypt a second time? Who was necessary for the second trip? How did Judah take responsibility? How is Judah like Jesus in this way? What gifts did they take? Why were they afraid to eat with Joseph? A/D – we should be afraid to enter the presence of God. About whom did Joseph ask? How did he react to seeing Benjamin? What surprised the brothers about the seating order? Notice that they weren't jealous of Benjamin – why don't we ever need to be jealous of others? How?

Genesis 44 What did the steward give to the brothers for their return trip home? Why the cup? When accused, how did the brothers respond? How did they respond when cup was found? Who again spoke up and protected Benjamin? About whom else was Judah worried? How does God want us to care for elderly parents?

Genesis 45 How did Joseph finally reveal himself? How did he assure them of his forgiveness? How did he assure them of God's plan? How can we find strength to forgive those who hurt us? A/D – suffering evil is God's plan for us. What does God promise us about evil? What new plan did Joseph offer his brothers? What did Pharaoh think of Joseph's plan? How did he help? How does God use even unbelievers for his plan? How did Jacob react to the news?

Luther's Four Questions

1. *What does this teach you about God?*
2. *What sin does this lead you to personally confess?*
3. *How does this point us to Jesus?*
4. *What does God want us to believe or do as we think about this?*

LOVE

Pray from what you learned:

I Praise you God because you are ...
Forgive me because I am (or I have) ...
Thank you, Jesus, for ...
Help me ...

Add any other prayers for self, family or others and the Lord's Prayer.

Memorize God's Word by repeating together. Do one passage/section each day until memorized. Then move on to the next passage. You may not learn all the passages; that's OK. You can learn more in the future.

Review passages and commandments from previous weeks.

Bless each other with God's name:

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor
† and give you peace. Amen.