



UPSTATE GROUP GUIDE

Through the Bible |

February 3-9 |

Genesis 50:14-26

Things to Know

Inside Out -

Join us for 100+ community projects to live our faith Inside Out!

Sign-ups are Coming Soon!

March 9-15 - Simpsonville & Greenville Campuses

March 16-22 - Anderson

EggVenture Volunteers Needed

April 5th, 2 - 5 pm - [Click Here to Volunteer!](#)

Studying God's Word *In Community*

*Reminder. Seek to understand and apply God's word, **not** rehash the sermon.*

Read

Read Genesis 50:14-26 and make observations about the text.

- What is God teaching us in the passage?

- What does this reveal about who God is, what God has done, and how I should respond?
 - Which part of the text was most meaningful to you and why?
 - What do you need help understanding about this passage?
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Sermon Recap

- Genesis 37-50 are some of the most frustrating, heartbreaking, and encouraging chapters in all the Bible. These chapters highlight the reality of God's sovereignty in life and show that when our lives are out of control God is still in control.
 - Joseph's life was not defined by what was done to him but how God had been with him. IN a world that encourages victim mentality, it is imperative to remember that we are not what has been done to us. We are identified by who we belong to!
 - Redemption is seen most clearly when the offended party chooses to forgo revenge in favor of redemption. This is what Joseph does for his brothers. Though he had been wronged by them, he chooses to love and forgive rather than get even.
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Discussion Questions

- **How does Genesis 50:20 ("*You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.*") illustrate God's redemptive plan, and how does this apply to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection?**
 - **In Genesis 50:19-21, Joseph reassures his brothers with words of grace. How does this parallel Jesus' response to sinners, particularly in Luke 23:34 ("*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.*")?**
 - **What does Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers teach us about Christ's ultimate act of redemption on the cross?**
 - **How does Joseph's ability to see God's plan beyond his suffering (Genesis 50:20) challenge us to trust God's purpose in our own trials?**
 - **How can we actively live out the principle of redemption and forgiveness in our daily lives, following the example of both Joseph and Christ?**
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Scripture

Genesis 50: 15-21

15 When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” **16** So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died: **17** ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.” ’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. **18** His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” **19** But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? **20** As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. **21** So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

[*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ge 50:15–21.

Living on Mission In Community

Before you close the group, answer this question:

How is God leading me to respond to His Word this week?

Joseph’s life is a reminder that though our lives may be full of evil, God intends to use it for his purposes. How have the broken things in your life been used for God’s purposes? How does God want to use your testimony to encourage others?

Optional Breakout Questions

Consider making time at the end of the group to break out into groups of 2-4 (keep them gender specific). Have them answer these three questions about their weeks:

1. How did you feed yourself?
 - (What have you been doing to feed your spiritual life, and how is it going?)
 2. How did you feed others?
 - (How did you share the gospel or gospel truth with someone this week?)
 3. How did you feed your flesh?
 - (What sins did you struggle with this week? How can your friends hold you accountable?)
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Leader Resources

If you are a leader and would like extra resources or a full curriculum guide, [CLICK HERE](#).

