

THIS IS US

Gone But Not Forgotten

Genesis 41



MEMBER'S GUIDE

GETTING STARTED

Let's do life together!/Opening Discussion: As you begin today, take a few minutes and share with your group how your family celebrated Easter? Do you have any family traditions? Share your thoughts about Mark Gregston from Easter weekend.

Our Subject Today: Gone but not forgotten; what kind of spouse, parent, relative, or friend are we? *"Actions don't merely speak louder than words, sometimes they echo into the next generation."*

VIDEO NOTES/QUESTIONS

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1) Can you remember someone (maybe a father, mother, relative, friend) in your past who, as they lived their life, something stood out to you? No words, just actions. Who remembers someone and will share a story?

Before we read these verses, someone share the story of Joseph.

Read *Genesis 39:1-23*

2) Who can tell us the rest of the story about Joseph? Can you remember a time when you experienced someone hurting you? How did Joseph handle all the pain he went through?

Read *Genesis 45:3*

3) How did God come through in your story or how would you like for Him to come through? Has anyone waited and trusted God as Joseph did, to show up and work out an issue? What kind of legacy would you leave for your family, spouse, or friends if you really trusted God?

Read *Genesis 45:4-9*

4) How did Joseph walking in forgiveness towards those who intended harm against him impact his family and others? Instead of bad news, Joseph's brothers went back to their father to share the good news - how can we do the same and what should we tell others?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS (cont.)**Read *Genesis 33:1-10***

5) Esau made a bad decision in a moment of pain, and suffering. What is something you “gave up” or what bad decision did you make in your past “without” seeking and trusting God? How were the bad decisions of Jacob and Esau remembered?

Read *John 13:34-35*

6) What kind of legacy did Jesus leave for us to remember? If we are disciples of Jesus, list some ways we can be remembered that would echo through the next generation.

SUMMARY (My Take-Away for This Week)**WORK OUT (This Week's Assignments)**

- Memorize *John 13:35* “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
- Think of some ways you can love in a way that your friends, family, kids, spouse will remember.
- Reach out to some friends or neighbors and invite them to your LIFEgroup.
- Help your group leader contact those who did not attend today/tonight and invite them to attend next week.

MY NEXT STEPS FROM THE WEEKEND WORSHIP

1. Today, I will sign up for a LIFEgroup in order to learn about how to grow in my relationship with Jesus and with others.
2. Today, I will evaluate my current actions and ask myself the question, “Do I want my kids / future family doing the things I do?”
3. This week, I will answer the question, “What do I want to be known for?” and share my answer with at least one person I impact on a daily basis.
4. This week, I will read *Ephesians 5-6* to learn more about God’s plan for myself and my family.

HOW MY GROUP CAN PRAY FOR ME THIS WEEK