

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, February 23, 2025 (Epiphany 7)

Genesis 45:3-15

Discussion Starters

1. What proof does Joseph offer his family that it is really him? (Do you see any parallels here to the resurrection of Jesus?)
2. Has Joseph truly forgiven his brothers? What evidence do you gain from the text to support your view? Do you think the brothers believed they had been forgiven? Why or why not?
3. Why does Joseph have a special relationship with Benjamin?
4. What does this passage teach you about God?
5. What are ways you have seen God's "divine providence" at work in your own life?

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Discussion Starters

1. What practical problem is causing some to question their belief in the resurrection?
2. How do the seed analogies address those doubts?
3. Why does Paul compare Jesus and Adam? What do we learn from that?
4. How would you define the difference between a physical body and a spiritual one?

Luke 6:27-38

Discussion Starters

1. How should we treat our enemies? Which of these instructions is to be taken literally and which is to be seen metaphorically?
2. If we respond this way, won't we be taken advantage of? What do we gain if we respond in that way?
3. Why is love the primary motivation for the follower of Jesus?
4. What does it mean to "judge?"
5. In what way(s) are our standards of measurement used in measuring back to us (v. 38)?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?