

The Death of Jacob - Genesis 50:1-26

Topics: Age, Blessing, Children, Culture, Death, Family, Follow-through, Forgiveness, God, God's Will, Mourning, Parents, Promises, Society, Sovereignty

Open It

1. What do you want to happen to your body when you die?
2. If you were going to die today, what would be your last request?
- * 3. What is the hardest promise you have had to keep?

Explore It

4. What did Joseph do when his father died? (50:1-3)
5. What is the theme of this chapter? of the entire book of Genesis? (50:1-26)
- * 6. What did Joseph ask Pharaoh? (50:4-5)
7. What was Pharaoh's response to Joseph's request? (50:6)
8. Where did Joseph go, and who went with him? (50:7-9)
9. What did Joseph do when he reached Atad? (50:10)
10. What did the Canaanites who saw Joseph think? (50:11)
11. What did Joseph do? (50:12-14)
12. What worried Joseph's brothers after their father died, and what did they do about it? (50:15-18)
- * 13. How did Joseph respond to his brothers? (50:19-21)
- * 14. What did Joseph do when he was about to die? (50:22-25)
15. How old was Joseph when he died, and how was he buried? (50:26)

Get It

16. What makes a loved one's death so difficult to accept?
17. What are the mourning and burial customs practiced in our society?
18. When is it OK and not OK to participate in another culture's customs?
- * 19. Why is it important to keep one's promises even when it is inconvenient or difficult to do so?
20. How can we earn the trust of the people with whom and for whom we work?
- * 21. What makes forgiving someone who has wronged us so difficult?
22. Why is it sometimes hard to accept someone's forgiveness?
23. How can God bring good out of evil?
24. How should we live our lives so that we can face death with confidence?

Apply It

- * 25. What promise do you want to follow through on this week? How?
26. What set of bad circumstances will you ask God to use for good?
27. Who is someone you will forgive today, even without him or her asking you to do so?
28. What is something you need to say or do before you die, and when can you do it?