

## The Old Testament – Questions to Consider

Week 4: Genesis 46-50 ~ Job 1-10

### Small Group Warm Up Question:

How did discipline work in your family growing up? Did it work? What is discipline like in your family today? Is it fair? What would you change about it?

1. Why do you think Genesis finishes where it does? Finishes how it does? How do you want God's story about you to finish? How would you like your life summarized in a sentence or phrase?
2. Here is a summary of Joseph's life. ([www.trustworthyword.com/joseph](http://www.trustworthyword.com/joseph)) What are some of your favorite parts of his life?
3. What do you think it would've been like to see the reunion of Jacob/Israel and Joseph? What relationships do you have that have experienced strain or distance? How might you pray or act to see those relationships restored or healed?
4. What do you think of the blessings (like Jacob's in Genesis 49) of sons prior to a father's death? What can we learn from them? How might we practically "bless" our descendants before our death?
5. Why do you think Joseph's brothers were so afraid when their father Jacob died? (Genesis 50:15-21) What big seasons of life changes make you a bit anxious or nervous? Why?
6. Read Genesis 50:20. Can you think of any other examples of this truth playing out in Scripture? How have you see this in your own life?
7. What stands out to you from Satan's schemes in Job 1 & 2? What do you think about the fact Job never directly saw Satan's hands in his suffering? Why is it helpful to remember that we have an enemy like Satan? (Job 1 & 2)
8. How does Satan accuse Job? How does Satan accuse us with mental attacks and lies? (Job 1:9-11, 2:4-5)
9. Why is it dangerous to overestimate Satan's power? Why is it dangerous to forget about Satan's work and abilities? (Job 1:12,2:6)
10. How did Job respond when he lost his sons, daughters, property, possessions, co-workers, work, and health? What challenging loss have you experienced? How did God grow you through that loss?
11. How did Satan use Job's wife against him? How does Satan attack people within their marriages today? (Job 2:9-10)
12. How does Satan attack Job through his three friends? How does Satan attack us today through our friends? (Job 4-10)

More questions @ [www.southfork.church/discussion-guide](http://www.southfork.church/discussion-guide)

## Satan's Schemes

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### Study the E\_\_\_\_\_ 'Strategies and Tactics

- 2 Corinthians 2:11 "so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs"

### Know the Enemy is Actively Prowling

- Job 1:7 "The LORD said to Satan, 'From where have you come?' Satan answered the LORD and said, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.'"

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## **Our A\_\_\_\_\_’s Tactics**

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## **This Next Week's Old Testament Reading Plan:**

Week 5: Job 11-25

- **Read the Old Testament w/Us:** [www.southfork.church/2024](http://www.southfork.church/2024)
- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** [www.southfork.church/jesus](http://www.southfork.church/jesus)
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