## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Faithfulness Through All Generations - Genesis 49:1-50:26 - "Foreshadowing of Future Faithfulness\"

- 1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart? If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
- 2. Can you think of a situation in where you've seen the Lord work through someone's evil actions for His good purposes? What was the situation and how did you navigate that season in your life?
  - What biblical examples, other than the Joseph narrative, reveal God's ability to work even in the most dire times?

    What does this reveal about God's sovereignty over all of the affairs of men (& all of creation for that matter)?

    How do Joseph's words in Genesis 50:20-21 direct our minds to consider the Gospel message?

    Specifically, how do we see this same principle at work in Jesus' crucifixion that we see in this account?
- 3. What stands out to you from or about the statements (blessings) he makes for each of his sons in chapter 49? How might these statements serve as blessings to them with some receiving praise and others receiving rebukes? Is a righteous rebuke actually a blessings to us? And can it serve as a warning to avoid potential future sins? Why are the words to Judah so important, and what role has repentance played in His life up to this point? Where else in Genesis have you seen the Lord respond to a hearts of repentance with abundant grace & mercy?
- 4. As we've gone through Genesis what is one specific thing you've learned & what tangible impact does it have on you?
- 5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these encourage, convict, or challenge you, & if so, how? Jacob looks to the Lord & waits for His salvation!

We look to Jesus who saves & await His return!

God promises to fulfill His plans in Judah's line!

Jesus comes in Judah's line to reign & save us!

God's people yearned for God's Promised Land!

We also yearn for our promised eternal home!

Joseph humbly acknowledges God's sovereignty!

Human wickedness cannot thwart God's plans!

God's faithfulness is clearly evident at every turn!

Trust in the one who has always been faithful!