



PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

Lesson 6: Jacob Blesses His Sons and Dies—Genesis 49-50

ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

How is this God's story?

How is this others' story?

How is this my story?

How is this the world's story?

PRAYER

God, our Father of love, hear our prayers.

Teach us to know and help us to live Your will, which is to restore the world to its intended wholeness.

Help us to participate in Your will and to do it with courage, faith and expectancy.

Accept the donation of us—all of our thoughts, words, deeds, and afflictions.

May all of our lives be spent giving You the glory you demand and deserve.

Give us the power to follow Your call, so that Your will may live in our hearts.

Bring peace to us and to those we meet, for we believe in Your will.

WEEKLY PRACTICE

In your lesson today you discussed a number of ways to share Jesus with those around you. Some of those items listed were:

- Peace (Harmony with God, self, others and the world)
- Justice (Giving people the chance to experience fairness by righting the wrongs of the world)
- Grace (Live a generous life even when people don't deserve it)
- Mercy (Find ways to ease the stress of others)
- Compassion (Showing an authentic concern for others in need)
- Trust (Rely on people and think the best of them first)
- Love (Showing and sustaining adoration and devotion to another)
- Hope (To live expectantly, knowing that it is in hope that we know God's mission to restore the world to its intended wholeness will be made complete and all things will be made new)
- Faithful Humility (Consistently live with a spirit of meekness)
- Godliness (Pursue holiness and a devout life)
- Truth (Live life confidently knowing that what you believe is real and be honest and loyal to it)
- Life (Accept the abundance that God grants when in pursuit of what it means to live fully human)
- Resurrection (Give people a glimpse of what it means to live the resurrection of Jesus, a rebirth)

Consider how you might incorporate some of these into your life this week.

BECOMING MY STORY

(Encourage the group to spend time this week in God's Word, allowing it to penetrate their heart and life.)

Matthew 6:14-15

Matthew 18:21-22

Numbers 14:19-20

Luke 17:3-4

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story and the world's story. In the context of Genesis 49-50, consider the following questions:

How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Genesis 49-50?

How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Genesis 49-50?

What is God saying to you through these passages?

Consider other passages you might know related to Genesis 49-50 and read them this week, journaling as you go.