

# FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

## From the Joseph in the Waiting Sermon Series

### Our Text for the Week of 8.23: Genesis 45

#### Grace that is Greater than our Sin

The life of Joseph is one of many fascinating stories in the book of Genesis, beginning in chapter 37 with Joseph, his 11 brothers and their father Jacob. The time of running from their past comes to an end for the brothers in chapter 45 when Joseph reveals his true identity. Would the hammer fall for what the brothers had done to him almost 22 years in the past? We all have things from our past that leave us feeling guilty and shameful. Do we run from that past or turn to God who is greater than our past?

Read Genesis 45...

#### Experiencing a Grace that is Greater than our Sin:

When there is clarity about our Sin

When there is conviction over our Sin

When there is compassion beyond our Sin

#### Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Has there been a time when something from your past caught up with you?
2. What are the things you try to keep hidden in your life?
3. Are you willing to be honest about yourself, the way that God sees you?
4. What would be different if you experienced more of God's grace in your life?
5. Does God's grace mean that we should continue in our sin?
6. Has there been a time when you showed grace to someone who was undeserving?
7. What would you have done in Joseph's situation?
8. If we could see God at work in the hidden things, how might it change our outlook?

#### Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will I do to be more aware of God with me this week?

How will I live differently because of this study?

#### Notes & Reflections: