



Joseph: experiencing
the God who rescues

20th October 2019
**The failings of God's
people**

Genesis 42

● Meanwhile, back at Jacob's... (v1-5)

● To be honest...

● How do people change?

● 'they did not recognise...' (v6-14)

- **The test of faith (v15-17)**

- **God is God & Joseph is governor**

- **Tests (v15-28)**

- **Is Benjamin still alive?**

- **Will they nominate someone to go?**

- **Will anyone volunteer to stay?**

- **Will anyone substitute for Simeon?**

- **How will they react to bounced payment?**

●2 more chinks of light (v21 & 28)

●Words and works (v29-38)

○Sacrifice springs from love

○Integrity

○Captive to the past?

●Change?

After the service, ask someone...

What have you learnt from today?

What can I pray for you?

Growth group questions



You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

1. What most struck you from the passage or talk this week?
2. From what we've seen so far, what do you make of Jacob and his family? If you visited them, what do you imagine it would be like?
3. God's ongoing journey of redeeming his people is not straightforward. From this chapter, what lessons can we learn from the way Joseph treats his brothers? How might we experience this?
4. Look at **Matthew 7v15-20** and **2 Corinthians 13v5-6**. How and why are we to test ourselves? Why is this not the same thing as trusting our works to save us?
5. Why does Joseph test them in the way he does? What is he hoping to see at each stage. You are not one of the brothers, but how would you have acted in each case? What does it show about you?
6. There is hope in the passage (2 chinks of light). Where does change begin? Do we often want to sidestep these issues?
7. Who is allowed to show you where your words and actions don't match up? How can you welcome this loving rebuke?
8. Often someone seeing their sin is painful—for the individual and those helping (see Joseph's tears...he could have rejected them!) Are we resolved to be active in this as individuals and as a church?

Pray about your answers together