

Interpretation: *what does the author mean?*

7. Read what Judah says in 44:30-34. Then look back at 37:26-27. How has Judah changed?

8. What do you learn from reading Ps 105:16-19 about God's plan for Joseph?

9. How does Romans 8:28 relate to 45:5-7?

10. Compare Gen 46:3-4 with Gen 28:13-15. What similarities do you see in God's promises to Jacob in these two passages?

Application: *therefore, what shall I do?*

11. Judah desires to honor his father and protect him from sorrow by taking Benjamin's punishment. Do you desire to honor your parents? How do your actions show this?

12. When Joseph reveals himself to his brothers, he doesn't get angry about the way they treated him. Who are you tempted to get mad at, give the cold shoulder to, etc? How will you follow Joseph's example?

13. Think about a difficult situation in your life. Are you being patient with your circumstances, knowing that God is sovereign and has placed you in that situation?

