

## ***Study Guide on Genesis 45:3-15***

### **Good News Bible**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.  
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

### **Genesis 45:3-15**

**(Genesis 45:3)** Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But when his brothers heard this, they were so terrified that they could not answer.

**(Genesis 45:4)** Then Joseph said to them, "Please come closer." They did, and he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

**(Genesis 45:5)** Now do not be upset or blame yourselves because you sold me here. It was really God who sent me ahead of you to save people's lives.

**(Genesis 45:6)** This is only the second year of famine in the land; there will be five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor reaping.

**(Genesis 45:7)** God sent me ahead of you to rescue you in this amazing way and to make sure that you and your descendants survive.

**(Genesis 45:8)** So it was not really you who sent me here, but God. He has made me the king's highest official. I am in charge of his whole country; I am the ruler of all Egypt.

**(Genesis 45:9)** "Now hurry back to my father and tell him that this is what his son Joseph says: 'God has made me ruler of all Egypt; come to me without delay.

**(Genesis 45:10)** You can live in the region of Goshen, where you can be near me--you, your children, your grandchildren, your sheep, your goats, your cattle, and everything else that you have.

**(Genesis 45:11)** If you are in Goshen, I can take care of you. There will still be five years of famine; and I do not want you, your family, and your livestock to starve.'

**(Genesis 45:12)** Joseph continued, "Now all of you, and you too, Benjamin, can see that I am really Joseph.

**(Genesis 45:13)** Tell my father how powerful I am here in Egypt and tell him about everything that you have seen. Then hurry and bring him here."

(Genesis 45:14) He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and began to cry; Benjamin also cried as he hugged him.

(Genesis 45:15) Then, still weeping, he embraced each of his brothers and kissed them. After that, his brothers began to talk with him.

**Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:**

**Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study**

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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