

Study Guide on Genesis 50:15-26

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 50:15-26

(Genesis 50:15) After the death of their father, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still hates us and plans to pay us back for all the harm we did to him?"

(Genesis 50:16) So they sent a message to Joseph: "Before our father died,

(Genesis 50:17) he told us to ask you, 'Please forgive the crime your brothers committed when they wronged you.' Now please forgive us the wrong that we, the servants of your father's God, have done." Joseph cried when he received this message.

(Genesis 50:18) Then his brothers themselves came and bowed down before him. "Here we are before you as your slaves," they said.

(Genesis 50:19) But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid; I can't put myself in the place of God.

(Genesis 50:20) You plotted evil against me, but God turned it into good, in order to preserve the lives of many people who are alive today because of what happened.

(Genesis 50:21) You have nothing to fear. I will take care of you and your children." So he reassured them with kind words that touched their hearts.

(Genesis 50:22) Joseph continued to live in Egypt with his father's family; he was a hundred and ten years old when he died.

(Genesis 50:23) He lived to see Ephraim's children and grandchildren. He also lived to receive the children of Machir son of Manasseh into the family.

(Genesis 50:24) He said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will certainly take care of you and lead you out of this land to the land he solemnly promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

(Genesis 50:25) Then Joseph asked his people to make a vow. "Promise me," he said, "that when God leads you to that land, you will take my body with you."

(Genesis 50:26) So Joseph died in Egypt at the age of a hundred and ten. They embalmed his body and put it in a coffin.

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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