

Study Guide on Genesis 45:3-15

New Revised Standard Version

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 his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

(Genesis 45:4) Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

(Genesis 45:5) And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

(Genesis 45:6) For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

(Genesis 45:7) God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

(Genesis 45:8) So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

(Genesis 45:9) Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

(Genesis 45:10) You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

(Genesis 45:11) I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

(Genesis 45:12) And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.

(Genesis 45:13) You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

(Genesis 45:14) Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.

(Genesis 45:15) And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked 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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