

Study Guide on Genesis 50:15-26

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 50:15-26

(Genesis 50:15) Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"

(Genesis 50:16) So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died,

(Genesis 50:17) 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

(Genesis 50:18) Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."

(Genesis 50:19) But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?"

(Genesis 50:20) Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

(Genesis 50:21) So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

(Genesis 50:22) So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's household; and Joseph lived one hundred ten years.

(Genesis 50:23) Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation; the children of Machir son of Manasseh were also born on Joseph's knees.

(Genesis 50:24) Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die; but God will surely come to you, and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

(Genesis 50:25) So Joseph made the Israelites swear, saying, "When God comes to you, you shall carry up my bones from here."

(Genesis 50:26) And Joseph died, being one hundred ten years old; he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

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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