

## TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking over the lives of Joseph and Judah, are there any things you would like to more effectively put into action?

2. As a result of this week's study is there any issue from your past you want to take a closer look at or an attitude of grace you want to choose to display to those you encounter?

## JOSEPH'S BROTHERS GO TO EGYPT

Genesis 42-45

## Growth Group Homework

For the Week of October 17, 2010

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's sermon, was there anything that surprised you, confused you, or particularly caught your attention?

### MY STORY

1. What was your response to the statement that there's a difference between "forgiveness" and "reconciliation"?

2. This week we heard how holding onto resentment harms us more than anyone else. Can you think of a resentment you held onto for a long time? What kind of personal harm did this cause you?

3. This week's sermon mentioned two ways Jesus taught to forgive someone: praying for them (**Matthew 5:43-48**) and realizing, "I'll never have to forgive anyone more than God has forgiven me" (**Matthew 18:21-35**). Which of these ways comes easiest to you? ... is the biggest challenge?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Realizing and acknowledging the depth of your sins is no easy road. Jesus' earthly father, Joseph, and Saul found themselves in situations that could have paralyzed them from moving toward the future God had for them. As you read their stories (next page), identify how they could have become paralyzed by guilt or injustice?

*Joseph (Jesus' earthly father) Matthew 1:18-24*

*Saul Acts 9:1-22*

2. How do the following verses help us look at our past and move toward the future in a way that is healthy and productive?

**Psalm 139:23,24**

**II Corinthians 5:16, 20**

3. Joseph's grace shown to his brothers is an incredible example of the grace God offers all who commit their lives to Him. Write down as many examples you can find of God's grace being displayed in **Ephesians 2:4-10**.

Now circle the one or two that stand out to you most. Can you think of ways you could choose to also show this kind of grace?