

# The Essentials: The Book of Genesis

## Session 10: Genesis 46-50

### Opening Collect

*Together:* Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Watch Video

**Read: Genesis 49:28-50:3 (out loud)**

### Discussion:

1. Our reading begins where Jacob finishes blessing each of his 12 sons. Why do you think this blessing is significant? What does blessing something do?
2. The video describes how the 12 sons are united under Jacob (and reunited under Joseph), and yet they are distinctly blessed with a “suitable” blessing. What New Testament correlate strikes you as most obviously connected to this model of 12 distinct yet unified characters? What does that say about God’s people?
3. Jacob requests to be buried with his ancestors. What does it mean that God has a place for his people? Do you think he has a place for you?
4. David noted how the Egyptians weep over the death of Jacob. Do the children of Abraham offer anything to Egypt? In what ways have you seen the church bless the world?
5. Jacob is buried in Canaan, but the rest of his family remains in Egypt. How does this foreshadow what’s ahead?
6. What do you find most satisfying or hopeful about this conclusion of Genesis?
7. What is one thing valuable thing you’ve learned in this study of Genesis?

### Check in and closing prayers

Genesis 49:28-33

[28] All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him. [29] Then he commanded them and said to them, “I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, [30] in the cave that is in the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. [31] There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah—[32] the field and the cave that is in it were bought from the Hittites.” [33] When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 50:1-3

[1] Then Joseph fell on his father’s face and wept over him and kissed him. [2] And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. [3] Forty days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days. (ESV)