



Session 14 Genesis 43 –44

Q 1 Had you been through what Joseph had been through would you have acted the way he acts in these chapters? What would you have done?

Q 2 Professor John Lennox points out that Genesis spends just 2 chapters describing the creation of the world - and some 8 chapters describing this story about forgiveness and reconciliation. What should this tell us?

Q 3 Should we only forgive when we can see someone has truly repented and changed?

Q 4 What stops / has stopped you forgiving?

Q 5 Judah has never been his father's favourite - He never got a coat. Jacob often talks as if Joseph and Benjamin were his only sons and the rest of them were just making up the numbers. Yet he is willing to be a slave in order to spare his father the heartache of losing Benjamin. He loves his father despite his faults. How easy do you find it to love people despite their faults?

Q 6 We are again left waiting at the end of the chapter. Genesis is taking its time to tell this story. How do you respond to the way scripture forces us to 'wait'? What might that be saying about the role of 'waiting' in our walk of faith?