

Discussion / Reflection Guide -- “Curse or Blessing”
Week of February 25, 2018

Read: Genesis 45:4-5; 50:19-21; Colossians 3:12-15

- The back story is found in Genesis 37. The brothers betrayed Joseph and sold him to a group of slave traders. As a result, Joseph spent several years as a slave and then a couple of years in prison.
- Joseph had every “right” to be bitter and seek revenge. Years later, he had the opportunity. How did he respond? What is the reason he gives for his response? How could God use this kind of betrayal as a blessing?
- Have you ever been betrayed? Were you bitter? (Are you still bitter?) Has God brought any blessings into your life as a result of the betrayal? How long did it take for you to see the blessings (if you have)?
- Read Col. 3:12-15. In talking about forgiveness, it uses a common analogy. What tips does this passage give for ways you can forgive when someone hurts you? Which aspect of this passage speaks most “loudly” to you?
- Col. 3:15 says we are to “let” Christ’s peace rule in our hearts. This implies we can choose whether or not we will receive His peace. What are some ways we can block God’s peace from our lives? What steps must you take to be able to receive Christ’s peace?
- Are you currently experiencing God’s peace in your heart? Spend some time in quiet meditation, asking God to show you what you need to do to “let” His peace rule in your heart. Once He shows you, go do it!