



Week Three | Grieving Roles | 03.12-13.2022

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Series Recap: Loss is a regular part of life but we can forget that loss is not limited to saying goodbye to people. Learning to grieve helps us face lost expectations, lost relationships, and lost hopes helping us lead lives of freedom and forgiveness. Good grief starts with going to a good God who offers a better life.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What has been one of your favorite roles or seasons in your life so far?
- Digging Deeper: What is a role you gave up or embraced that you weren't ready for in the last two years?

» Observation | Read Genesis 42:1-5; 43:26-30; 45:1-5 or summarize Genesis 42-45

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Even if our goals don't change, our roles have to.

(12 minutes)

- In what ways have repetition and comfortable habits kept you from embracing God's plan in your life?

» Repeating Bad Patterns | Reread Genesis 42:1-5; Isaiah 41:8-10

(12 minutes)

- What do Jacob's actions indicate: a fear of losing Benjamin, distrust of his other 10 sons, or both? Why?
- How do God's promises free us from harmful patterns in our own lives?

» When Dreams Come True | Reread Genesis 43:26-30; 37:7; Luke 6:21

(12 minutes)

- What does witnessing the fulfillment of a dream do to one's faith?
- In what ways did God use hunger and weeping in Jacob's family for blessing?

» Embracing the Bigger Picture | Reread Genesis 45:1-5; Psalm 103:10-13

(12 minutes)

- What are some ways that maintaining control negatively affects our ability to embrace God's plans?
- How does Joseph's treatment of his family imitate how God treats those who fear Him?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- How are you embracing the role you are in now while remembering the past season?
- Close by praying for one another to pay attention to the roles you are in right now and how God wants to use you in this season.