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Sunday

**July 25, 2021**

**Highland Park Church**

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## **One Big Happy Family**

Genesis 45

## **Discussion Questions**

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How was Joseph able to forgive his brothers? What theological realities guided his process of forgiveness? Why is forgiveness so hard? How does this passage help God's people to be eager and ready to forgive when sinned against?

What is God's providence? What did you learn about providence in this passage? Does God's governance over all things excuse sin? Why does the doctrine of sovereignty and providence sometimes make us uncomfortable? How does this passage (and the whole Joseph narrative) help you to better understand and accept these important doctrines?

In what ways did Joseph and his brothers demonstrate that reconciliation had taken place? Why is reconciliation with others such a joyful thing? Why is peace and unity so important among the body of Christ? How is it directly tied to the Gospel and our witness of Jesus?

How does this passage demonstrate the Gospel? How are we as sinners forgiven and reconciled to holy God? What should be our response in light of our reconciliation with God?