

## Suggested Discussion Questions for 2/26/2023

### Message: Thriving with Joseph, pt 4

1. How do you look at the fruit hanging on your family tree? What is one lesson it reveals?

2. Reread Genesis 41-45. Answer the following:

What stands out most to you in the account?

What surprises you – especially about Joseph's responses and actions?

What is it teaching you about thriving in a hostile environment?

How and where is Joseph's character revealed?

3. Joseph uses caution and tests when he interacts with his brothers?

Where and how do you see his wisdom and discernment?

What seems to persuade him it's OK to reveal himself to his brothers?

What does this section teach you about dealing with people who have used, abused, hidden and lied when they seek to re-engage in your life?

4. This account instructs us on forgiveness, restoration and the pathway to it.

What needs to be avoided?

What needs to be embraced?

Agree/Disagree and why: Pain redeemed is more significant than pain removed.

5. What is a significant encouragement or challenge you have gained personally from our study of Joseph to this point?