

Spiritual Gifts : The Fruit of the Spirit is Self Control

Welcome/ icebreaker	Who in your family is the one who will forgive anyone anything? For whom does forgiveness come only through difficulty? Dare you answer which one are you?
Worship	You choose – Amazing Grace (19 SOF) is a wonderful humbling hymn.
Word (refs.↓)	
Verses 3-13	If you were visited by a loved one who came back 22 years later “from the dead” as it were, what proof would you need that this person was indeed the one you had given up for dead?
Verses 3-13	What proof does Joseph offer his brothers?
Verses 9-11 and also 21-23	What proof does Joseph offer his father?
Verses 3,14	How does Joseph’s news strike the brothers?
Verse 2 & 16	How does Joseph’s news strike the Palace?
	Has Joseph fully forgiven his brothers? Why do you think so? Are the brothers convinced of their forgiveness? Why or why not (see also Gen 50:15 are the brother truly convinced?)
	Why do you think Benjamin and Joseph have a special relationship? ¹
Verse 24	When Joseph finally sent the brother’s on their way why do you suppose he said “Don’t quarrel on the way!”
	When was Joseph ready to reveal himself to his brothers? ²
Verses 5-11	As Joseph reveals himself for who he really is, how does he also make God known for who He is, has been and will be?
	What is the doctrine of God’s providence? ³
	Joseph forgave his brothers because he understood God’s providence. Joseph saw God’s hand in all of these events. Could you be as forgiving as Joseph when someone has wronged you?
If Time Permits	Do you understand the doctrine of God’s providence in your life? Do you believe that He has specific plans and purposes for your life, and that He is in control? See Romans 8:28
Witness	Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph cried. Jesus cried. Is it wrong for you to cry? Memorise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “God sent me ahead of you...to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance ... it was not you who sent me here, but God.” Genesis 45:5, 7, 8 • “He kissed all his brothers and wept over them.” Genesis 45:15

Cell Group Leader notes:

¹ Benjamin was Joseph’s only full brother.

² After they had passed the tests he had designed for them. Through these tests they not only acknowledged their guilt, but they showed a change of heart. When Judah spoke for the brothers, Joseph realised that they wanted to do what was right.

³ Not only is God in control of all things, but He actually works out His plans and purposes through these things.