

# GROUP LEADER'S NOTES – STUDY 19

## QUESTION 1

- a) Here we continue to see Judah rising to become the leader of the children of Israel; as he is sent ahead to lead the family to this place of refuge.
- b) It would be through his line that the people would be led to another, greater Saviour.
- c) In verse 29 we see something unusual. A man of Joseph's position would not go and meet his visitors. They would be brought to him.
- d) Here he gets things ready himself and goes himself. He can't wait to see his father.
- e) We also see that Joseph presents himself before Jacob; rather than the other way around.
- f) What a reunion this is. After 22 years of separation; during which time Jacob thought his son was dead.
- g) In **37:35**, Jacob had said he would go to his death in mourning. In **45:28** that he will go and see his son before he dies. Now in **46:30** he is content to die in peace; having seen his son.

## QUESTION 2

- a) We see from verse 34 that Egyptians wouldn't have anything to do with shepherds.
- b) Knowing this, Jacob and his family would more likely be placed away from everyone else and be left alone.
- c) This is important, in that they would not mix into the culture of the country. They would therefore expand as a family and nation whilst retaining their clear identity as the children of God.

- d) For God's purpose to be fulfilled, Israel had to be a distinct nation, set apart to Him.
- e) Joseph's concern was that God's people, Joseph's family, maintain their distinctiveness in spite of any ridicule that may come from the Egyptians.

### QUESTION 3

- a) Pharaoh has already promised Joseph's family the best of Egypt (**45:18**). Joseph is careful to see to it that this becomes reality.
- b) He arranges for the family to arrive in Goshen; even before he greets them, or they were presented before Pharaoh.
- c) He then tells the family what to say to Pharaoh. As we've already seen, the fact that they are shepherds will mean that Pharaoh will want to keep them at a distance.
- d) Egyptians would be suspicious of foreigners. They might prove a threat.
- e) By telling the brothers to ask Pharaoh to settle them in Goshen would be giving Pharaoh a solution to the problem.
- f) They were also to say that they would be 'sojourning' in the land (**47:4**). This is a technical word that suggests something temporary. They don't want to become full citizens. This fulfils God's promise to Abraham in **Genesis 15:13**.
- g) They do not belong in Egypt.

### QUESTION 4

- a) **Philippians 3:20** tells us that we are citizens of heaven.
- b) We are in the world but not of the world. Peter writes about us being 'sojourners and exiles' (**1 Peter 2:11-12**).
- c) Following Christ will set us apart from the world (**James 4:4**).
- d) We are to live according to scripture; rather than the world's values. To display Jesus to others.

### QUESTION 5

- a) This act of kindness is based on who Joseph is; and what he has done for the country in saving it from the effects of the famine.
- b) Jacob and his family are therefore blessed because of Joseph.
- c) They are given the best land in the country.
- d) They are also given the opportunity to look after Pharaoh's cattle.

### QUESTION 6

- a) A 'type of Christ' is someone who resembles and models something of the character of Jesus and points forward to Him.
- b) Joseph is a saviour who shows grace and forgiveness.
- c) It's as though he has come back from the dead. He has been exalted to a high position.
- d) He gives access to the throne. He intercedes for his family; as Jesus intercedes for us (**1 Tim 2:5**).