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- What is included in the blessing Jacob gives? How does this link Joseph and his sons to God's covenant with the family (cf. Gen. 28:13-15; 35:11-12)? Why is this important?
- Why does Joseph seek to alter Jacob's blessing of his sons? Why is Jacob instant upon bestowing the blessing as he does? How might God be working through this turn of events?
- *Read 1 Chronicles 5:1-2.* How have the actions of Jacob's other sons impacted their ability to receive the fullness of the blessing from Jacob (cf. Gen. 34; 35:22)? What are common ways in which families today experience brokenness that interrupts the blessing of one generation to another?
- How does Jacob not only leave an inheritance but also bestow a legacy upon his descendants? What are specific things you can do to leave a faithful legacy for others in your family and in the church?
- As you look back on this study and you recall the ways Jacob has wrestled with God throughout his life, what evidence does he have of God's faithfulness? At what points in your own life have you wrestled with God and found God to be faithful? How can you give God thanks in response?

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