Session 6: overcoming Life’s challenges. Overcoming an earthy mindset

1. Gn. 50:15-21
2. Key word in vs. 17 is transgression.
3. Revolt, rebellion. Defiant violation
4. Nature of the brother’s sin against Joseph
5. It is the nature of Adam and Eve’s sin against God
6. It is the nature of our sin vs. God
7. V. 15-17
8. Jacob died. The brothers were afraid that Joseph would retaliate vs. them.
9. They lived in the haunting memories of what they did vs. their brother.
10. Shame and fear plagued them.
11. See 1Pt. 5:8. Satan’s attack vs. human race.
12. Joseph cared for Jacob and his brothers for 17 years till Jacob’s death.
13. The brothers resorted to deceit with letter from their dead father to persuade Joseph to forgive them.
14. Joseph’s response was one of weeping.
15. See Romans 3:23-25. Christ’s response to the rebellion of the human race.

At the cross Jesus wepted for us. “Father forgive them…..”

1. Joseph demonstrates God’s plan when he is trusted.
2. He wanted his brothers to see that they did evil but God meant it for good.
3. Joseph, instead of giving his heart over to hatred and revenge, saw his life’s circumstances from a “heavenly reality”.
4. See Romans 8:28.
5. Review:
6. How can you encourage a person to see their life from God’s perspective?
7. When have you found it hard to accept or believe you could be forgiven?
8. What will it cost you to leave justice in the hand’s of God?