

**Big Idea:** Genesis 49 reminds us that *God shapes the future of his people, both through his sovereign purposes and their character*. As Jacob speaks final words over his 12 sons, we see God's blessing and how he uses failed people, all with a prophetic hint of what it means for Israel's future.

## **I. Introduction**

Consider your family and siblings. What is your role in the family?

## **II. People's \_\_\_\_\_ Shape Their Legacy**

*Reuben, Simeon,  
Levi, Judah*

Why are some brothers "restored" after failure, and others not?

## **III. God raises up \_\_\_\_\_**

*Judah (again)*

How has God used your failures to shape you?

## **IV. God Has Unique Plans for \_\_\_\_\_ People**

*Zebulun, Issachar, Dan,  
Gad, Asher, Naphtali*

What has God called you to? (big or small)?

## **V. God Blesses \_\_\_\_\_**

*Joseph  
Benjamin*

Reflect on the 5 descriptors of God in vs. 24-25.

What does this tell us about God? About Jacob?

## **VI. Conclusion and Reflection**

Which of these sons do you most identify with? Why?

How do you see both God's sovereignty and human character at work in this chapter?

Look ahead to the Promised Land in Deuteronomy 8.

What is it like, and yet what is the problem? What is the ultimate solution?