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Connecting

1. Think of good leaders you've known or learned about. What do you think makes (or made) them good leaders?
2. How well did you get along with your brothers and sisters when you were growing up?

Understanding

1. Briefly review Genesis chapters 42-44.
2. Read Genesis 43:3-10. In light of the previous dysfunction in Jacob's family, how does this passage mark an important shift in those family dynamics?
3. Read Genesis 43:29-34. What do you think Joseph is trying to do in this passage? How does he expect his brothers to react?
4. Read Genesis 44:18-34. How would you describe Judah's actions in these verses? How did it influence future events (Genesis 45:1-5)? How does it foreshadow and prepare us for the message of Easter?

Living

1. Have you ever benefitted from someone else's sacrificial act?
2. What would you say defines (or should define) the people of God?
3. Charles said, "Self-sacrifice becomes the defining feature of the people of God. We reveal God when we sacrifice for one another." What gets in our way as we, individually and as a church, try to work for the benefit of others and be a blessing to the world?

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