

Adult Impact Questions  
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If possible, read Genesis 42:1-38 from several translations. For additional insight and study go to [www.studyLight.org](http://www.studyLight.org).

1. What might it feel like to go through a famine?

If you had a large family like Jacob, what thoughts would go through your mind as resources became scarce?

2. Discuss whether it was right for Joseph to treat his brothers so harshly.

Why do you suppose he chose not to reveal himself at this time?

3. What came to mind for these brothers in verse 21-22?

Discuss whether this is a sign of their remorse and repentance.

4. What might his brothers have been thinking about as the events unfolded: the harsh tone, putting Simeon in prison (could it have been where he was jailed?), finding their money in the sacks of grain, especially after reading that their hearts sank?

Why didn't they return and correct the seeming error? What would you have done?

5. Discuss whether Jacob had faith or fear when he heard the news and why?

6. It might not be an extended famine as seen in the text, but discuss ways we can help those in our community who may be going through a personal famine due to unemployment, extended illness, or even an extended stay at home mandate?

Next Adult Impact: Genesis 43:1-34