

HOW DIVINE discipline **SHAPES US**

GENESIS 42-44

DIVINE DISCIPLINE SHAPES US TO BLESS.

- CONFRONTS OUR PAST SINS.
- 2. INVITES US TO CHOOSE HEALING OVER HIDING.
 - 3. PULLS US OUT OF DENIAL.
 - PROCEEDS FROM THE LOVE OF GOD.
 - SOMETIMES CARRIES AN EDGE.

RENEWAL QUESTIONS: What is discipline? How is discipline viewed and/or experienced in our society? In Genesis 42-44, Joseph is repeatedly testing his brothers before revealing his identity. What is Joseph hoping to discover about his brothers? What do you observe about Joseph in the process? Divine discipline may appear as a test, and we may be forced to confront our past sins. Why is this significant and for our good? Through divine discipline, God invites us to choose healing over hiding. When have you experienced healing over hiding in your story? In your life, how have you seen God's healing over your hiding become a blessing to others?

Today's message: Neil Tomba February 4, 2024 **OUR VISION:** By 2026, we will be having thousands of surprisingly easy-to-start conversations about Jesus all over our city because we are convinced, where God has us is where Jesus is. SHARE YOUR STORIES OF CONVERSATIONS ABOUT JESUS WITH US IN OUR CONVERSATIONS HUB AT NORTHWESTBIBLE.ORG/CONVERSATIONS.



