

**Message Outline**  
*Am I Ready to Die?*  
*Passing the Blessing*



**Intro:** Series on death/dying...

- Special guest: Foos Funeral Homes...
- *Shrek*...frog king's death scene...
- Today's topic: How to pass the blessing???

**Read:** Genesis 49

- Jacob's complex legacy...
  - Patriarch of faith (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob)
  - Not a perfect family (Gen.29-47).
  - Meaningful final moments for shaping the future generations (Gen.49).

Principles in Passing the Blessing

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Everyone called to impact someone...
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Christian speech principle...Eph.4:15.
  - Jacob's poetic selection of words for blessing...genuine, not generic!
  - Holy Spirit's guiding of spoken words...
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Each statement of sons included either/or...
    - a) \_\_\_\_\_
    - b) \_\_\_\_\_
    - c) \_\_\_\_\_
  - It was a "blessing appropriate" to each of them (cf. 49:28)...
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Helping others discover the future God's got for them (cf. v.1)...
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jacob's funeral arrangements in order...
  - Burial plans not just funeral plans but faith proclamations (Gen.12:7, ch.23)...



**Small Group**  
**Reflection Questions**

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)



*Read: John 20-21*

*\*From this passage, who is Jesus and/or what's this say about life in Him (cf. Jn.20:30-31)?*

*\*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

*\*What are some words said that have left an impact on your life (either positive or negative)?*

*\*Both Jacob in the Scripture and the frog king in Shrek had people around their bedside at their passing. List who you'd want around your bedside and why. And what would you hope to express if a situation like that ever arose?*

*\*What are some obstacles in having meaningful conversations with loved ones?*

*\*Movie scenes on human mortality have been a part of this series on death. Can you think of a lesson of a "good death" from a different movie not already used in this series? Name that scene.*

*\*Take time to fill out the Year End Evaluation...*