

RECAP

Check in with each other.

In what ways were you able to take steps towards racial diversity this past week?

Is there anything from last week's discussion that you would still like to respond to?

IDEA 1

Through the story of Joseph, we see that reconciliation flips what the enemy means for evil and turns it to good.

Read through Gen 50:16-23 out loud together.

What is Holy Spirit highlighting to you about reconciliation as you read through this passage?

Where have you seen reconciliation flip what the enemy means for evil and turn it to good?

IDEA 2

Joseph teaches us that reconciliation is about relationship not just resolution.

Why do you think we can be quick to look for resolution instead of seeking reconciliation?

What do you find most challenging about reconciliation? What has helped you engage in reconciliation?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Ask Holy Spirit to reveal a relational conflict where you are in fix-it mode.

Pause and listen together.

If an example comes to mind, respond to Jesus by repenting of this (out loud or internally). You may find it helpful to use the following prompt:

“Jesus, I repent of my desire and attempts to fix...”

As you are reminded of this relational conflict you may feel discouraged or upset. Part of engaging in the reconciliation process is the realization of hurt and the lament.

Engage in the lamenting process together by writing down and naming the hurts you have experienced in this relational conflict. You may find it helpful to continue this journaling process throughout the week.

APPLICATION

Joseph was able to enter into the reconciliation process by recognizing God’s larger perspective.

Spend time this week connecting the dots.

Ask Holy Spirit for revelation of what He is orchestrating in your life. Read the stories of scripture and look for the times that God flipped what the enemy intended for evil and wove it for His purposes.