

RECAP

The Holy Spirit can produce joy in every circumstance, even difficult ones.

As you look back over the week, when and where did you notice joy being produced in you?

IDEA 1

Together, read this Scripture again.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:17-19

How do these verses speak directly to your experiences of this last season? How are you challenged and convicted? How are you inspired and encouraged?

IDEA 2

Jesus says, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God".
When reconciliation is pursued, Jesus is saying that you look like your heavenly Dad.

Take some time to talk as a group about...

- what it looks like to be a peacemaker
- the challenges of being a peacemaker
- the blessing of being a peacemaker
- what Jesus says about being a peacemaker

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

In both our prayers and in our actions, let's take on the ministry of reconciliation.

Enter into a time of prayer.

Pray for reconciliation in our homes and in our families

Pray for reconciliation in our churches

Pray for reconciliation in our city and state

Pray for reconciliation in our nation

Pray for reconciliation between nations

Pray for the reconciliation of the lost

As you pray, notice the ways that Spirit is nudging or calling you to action. Share these nudges with your House Church.

APPLICATION

Continue to ask Spirit about who you need to pursue reconciliation with. Ask Spirit to guide you about how and when. Begin to make a plan. Without being too rigid, give yourself a timeline. Ask your House Church to check in with you and to pray for you.