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Beautiful Reconciliation

Pastor Jeff Thompson | Genesis 44:1-45:15

Ice Breaker

What is your go-to Thanksgiving side dish and why?

Understand their story

Remembering what we have studied the last few weeks, where have we seen God working through Joseph's circumstances to fulfill His plan?

Compare their behavior in Genesis 37 to their actions in chapter 44. What evidence do we see of heart change in Joseph's brothers?

Connect to His story

Joseph's declaration in Genesis 45:5-8 reveals his understanding of God's hand in his suffering. How does trusting in God's providence help us reconcile with others?

Read Matthew 5:21-24 and Romans 12:16-19. What do these passages reveal about Jesus' heart for reconciliation, and how do they challenge us to pursue peace with others?

Apply to our story

Joseph was able to see God's providence in his hardships. How can we look for God's hand in difficult circumstances?

Have you ever witnessed or received an unexpected apology? How did that experience impact you and your relationship?

Accountability

Group Challenge:

Share one way you've seen God's providence in a challenging situation recently. Encourage one another to trust His plans, even when they're hard to see.

Personal Challenge:

Is there someone in your life you need to forgive or reconcile with? Spend time in prayer and ask God to work in both your heart and theirs.

Parenting Moment

Take time to read Ephesians 4:32 as a family: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you". Have a conversation with your kids about a time you were forgiven. Maybe share your testimony. Let them know about the impact of Christ's forgiveness of our sins and how pursuing reconciliation reflects Jesus' love for others.