



Community Group Study Guide

Week of: May 5, 2024

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Topic: Reconciliation done with grace

Passage(s): Genesis 50:15-21; Rom 12:19; Rom 8:28; 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Introduction to Lesson: The three keys to a peaceful life and a resilient faith in God's Kingdom

Ice Breaker: Have you ever struggled with unresolved conflict? How has that affected your faith?

Discussion and Application:

Point 1: **The Story.** Read Gen 50:15-21. What are the brothers afraid of? What did they claim?

What did Joseph recognize that was still needed? How did Joseph respond?

Point 2: **Avoid God's Position.** Read Rom 12:19. What does the world teach about Revenge?

How did Joseph handle it? What does it take to give it to God? Where are you in that?

Point 3: **Accept God's Perspective.** Read Rom 8:28. What is God's perspective on our hurt?

Does it mean ignoring the offense? What's required to "see" from God's perspective?

Point 4: **Expressing God's Love.** Read 1 Thes 5:15. What does the state of humanity teach us

about God's love? What does it take to tangibly show love for others who've hurt us?

Going Deeper:

Reflection: What are some areas where you need to grow in practicing better reconciliation?

Are there any unresolved conflict(s) that you need to be praying about?

What areas of application from the lesson do you find most challenging to put into practice?
