



INTENDED FOR  
**GOOD**

## **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.**