



THEMATIC OVERVIEW  
*How does reconciliation  
 happen and what makes it  
 possible?*

## Welcome + Opening Prayer

### Genesis 50:12-21

*See passage printed on the back of this page.*

### Explore + Apply

1. In what relationships do you experience an impasse because you have put your self 'in the place of God' (verse 19)? What is your job in the situation, if God's job is to be judge?
2. What has happened to you that, because of its hardship, is hard for you to imagine 'God meant it for good' (verse 20)? How do you experience this statement from Joseph, who after all he lived through, saw God as *for him* in it all?
3. What do you consider to be your greatest need? What is the need that is at the root of all your needs? How would your relational landscape change if *mercy* were your greatest need?

#### PRAYER GUIDELINES

*In prayer, we ask God to  
 transform us and the world  
 around us with His grace.*

*This means we avoid  
 advice-giving and fixing one  
 another and instead,  
 embrace mutual  
 dependance on our loving  
 Father through Christ in the  
 power and presence of the  
 Holy Spirit.*

*There is a place for advice  
 and processing something  
 together but wait for that  
 invitation from the person  
 sharing.*

### Pray

- Reflect on God's kindness to put himself in the way of judgement, for you to experience mercy.
- Pray and listen: What do you really consider to be your greatest need? Is that truly your greatest need?
- Pray "Thy Kingdom come" here in West Seattle, in the U.S. and around the world and that God's mercy would be seen and appreciated by all.

*Home Groups are a vital part of shared life and growth in Christ. Here, we build community, deepen relationships, and discover and live the Christian life together.*

#### GROUP SCHEDULE - SPRING

*Summer social plans are due  
 to R.J. — June 10*

*Summer socials calendar  
 released — June 16*

## **Genesis 50:12-21**

<sup>12</sup> Thus his sons did for him as he had commanded them, <sup>13</sup> for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. <sup>14</sup> After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.