"Meant for Good" Small Group Guide (Week 5)

Week 5: A Family Restored

Main Scripture Passage:

Genesis 46-48

Key Verse:

Genesis 46:3-4

Main Idea:

God's heart is for reconciliation and blessing in the whole human family.

Key Points from the Sermon:

- 1. Jacob learns that Joseph is alive (46:1-7)—God is faithful to his covenant promises.
- 2. Joseph reunites with his Father Jacob/Israel (46:28-34)—The joy of reconciliation.
- 3. Reconciliation puts the covenant plan back on track.
- 4. Reconciliation blesses the next generation (48:1-22)
- 5. God's desire is to reconcile human beings to himself through his Son (2 Corinthians 5:16-21).

Reflection Question: What stood out to you the most from this week's sermon?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Begin by asking the group, "How is it with your soul this week?"
- 2. How does Joseph's reconciliation with his family reflect God's heart for reconciliation and restoration?
- 3. Have you ever experienced reconciliation with someone after a broken relationship?
- 4. What steps can we take to bring healing and restoration to broken family relationships?
- 5. How does the Joseph story foreshadow the reconciling work of Christ?
- 6. How can we trust God with generational blessings, even when we don't see immediate change?

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for families who are struggling with conflict, that God would bring reconciliation.
- Ask God to help us extend grace and love to our family members, even when it is difficult.
- Pray for emerging generations, that they would walk in God's blessing and purpose.

Action Steps for This Week:

- Reach out to a family member you haven't spoken to in a while and check in on them.
- If there's unresolved conflict in your family, ask God for wisdom on how to take a step toward healing.
- Write down ways you can intentionally invest in your family and future generations through prayer and encouragement.