

# Small Group Study Guide

Truth and Reconciliation

Series: Like Riding a Bike

**2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

**From Sunday, October 3, 2021**

**Take a moment to pray, and ask God to guide your thoughts and reveal things to you about His word as you go through this study.**

## **Appetizer:**

Caleb mentioned a time that he had to reconcile with his wife because of a mistake he made. When's a time you've had to do that?

### **Read through the passage above**

Let the words float around your head for a while. What comes to mind? What emotions do you feel?

## **Main Course:**

When you think of "reconciliation", what do you think of?

Caleb said that Jesus completely changed the idea of reconciliation by being the one to make amends when he did nothing wrong.

**Question:** What does this mean to you? Have you ever done this for somebody else?

**Activity:** Imagine the person next to you just put a scratch in your car. Tell them what you would expect them to do.

**Question:** Why was that your response? Was it because it was the "fair" thing to do?

How often is it that we spend thinking about how other people should pay because it's fair? What would happen if we stopped treating people "fairly" and just showed them love instead?

**Question:** Caleb said that to remember how to be Jesus people we MUST be reconcilers. Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

**Question:** What do you think it would look like to be a reconciler, like Jesus was, in the world around you today?

## **Dessert:**

Caleb finished by challenging us to be reconcilers.

In the context of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, think about how the church can respond.

**Question:** What can the Church (not Emmanuel, the church as in all God's followers) do to be reconcilers towards the indigenous community. What, if anything, do you think needs to be done?

**Question:** What do you think is the Church's (again, not Emmanuel, the church as in all God's followers) biggest need for reconciliation in the world right now. How can we reconcile that?

**Takeaway:** Jesus was a reconciler. He reconciled with us even though he did nothing wrong. As a result, if we want to be Jesus people, we must also be reconcilers.

**Pray:** For the indigenous community in Canada, and for the Church to be able to be reconcilers as Jesus was.