**Reconciliation**

**Small Groups-2**

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| Read | **Matthew 5:43-48** |
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| Discuss | * How do you deal with those who cause you grief?
* **Are cliques** good? Why?
* How diverse is your: Workplace? Social life? Social media? Why is this?
* **What encourages racial integration? What hinders racial integration?**
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| Go further | * v.43: Why was the Law only a partial/ temporary ‘fix’? What did it achieve?
* v.44: What happens if we do this? How did Jesus live this? Does love win?
* v.45: Who will we reflect if we live v.44? Why? What do ‘sun & rain’ enable all people – evil & good – to do? How is this grace?
* v.46: How/ why is God’s *Kingdom* different to *Empire?* How/ why are we, as *Kingdom* disciples, called to be different to *Empire* agents?
* v.47: To what extent do we/ our church practice this? Is this right?
* v.48: Why is Jesus’ teaching, not just about how *we* should live, it’s even more about how *God* operates – Kingdom, not Empire? WWJD – and do the same.
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| Reflect | * Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?
* Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?
* What could you do more/ less of to be even more *inclusive?*
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| Do | * Make a point of *including* someone this week.
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| Pray | *Dear God,* *You want all people to live Your way – Kingdom, not Empire. Jesus, You showed us how to \_\_\_. Help us to \_\_\_. Forgive us when \_\_\_. Show us how to \_\_\_\_. Lead us in Your way of love. Amen.**Amen.* |
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| ?My question: |  |

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