



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 12: Reconcile?

Suggested Week of Use: May 19, 2024

Core Passage: Genesis 45:1-15

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### News Story Summary

Even if you're not an avid royal watcher, it's been tough to avoid reading or hearing news reports detailing the strained relations between Prince Harry and other members of the royal family over the past few years. A plethora of articles have tracked the conflict that includes public allegations of petty tensions and perceived betrayals, along with more serious charges, such as accusations of racism. The schism, especially between Prince William and Prince Harry, has led to plenty of conjecture over whether the family will be able to reconcile. While Prince Harry did meet with King Charles briefly after the monarch's cancer diagnosis, any interaction with his brother has been infrequent and formal. When Prince Harry recently returned to Great Britain to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Invictus Games he founded, royal experts expressed both hopes and doubts for a possible reunion. Some sources contend that the brothers may be open to reconciliation. However, others have suggested that, despite any willingness that might exist, it could take years to rebuild trust.

For more about this story, search "Prince Harry reconciliation."

### Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, encourage the group to share what they know about Great Britain's royal family. Note that one of the most prominent dynamics in the family recently has been the rift between Prince Harry and the other royals, particularly his brother (and heir to the throne) Prince William. Summarize the article speculating on how difficult reconciliation may be. Suggest that any meeting between the brothers is bound to be awkward and challenging, especially living under such global scrutiny and with a growing sense of disloyalty and betrayal. Share that this contemporary example of estranged brothers calls to mind the split between Joseph and his brothers. Note that Joseph's unexpected meeting with his brothers produced stress and anxiety, but reconciliation was needed for family health and the wellbeing of a nation.

### Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, refer again to the tension within the royal family. Suggest that adults add the royal family's reconciliation to their prayer list. Point out that praying for healing in the lives of others should be based on the healing and peace we find in our own lives through God. Guide the group to write the name(s) of others with whom they may be estranged in the "Prayer Needs" space on page 117 of the PSG. Encourage them to discern whether they are ready to forgive and move toward reconciliation. Lead the group to identify one concrete step to begin the process and to record it as a goal.