

## Roots, Reparations, & Reconciliation

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### **Reflection & Discussion Questions**

#### **We are all impacted by our ancestry, our environment and our life experiences**

The roots of our hearts require regular maintenance through the Holy Spirit.

\*Have you done any research on your genealogy or ancestors? Have you learned anything interesting?

#### **Our spiritual growth can be hindered by the negative root systems embedded in my heart**

We must be willing to deal with the stuff underneath the surface.

\*What does it look like when our interior life is out of alignment with our exterior life?

\*When have you struggled with some hardened roots embedded in your heart?

#### **Reparations are the mending of something broken**

We can acknowledge and be willing to pay the costly price necessary to bring restoration.

#### **Read and discuss Isaiah 58:12(NJKV)**

*12 Those from among you*

*Shall build the old waste places;*

*You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;*

*And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,*

*The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.*

\*What is this passage saying about God's people?

\*What is it calling us to do?

\*What makes restoration so costly to us?

#### **We have all been broken at least once in our lives**

#### **Read and discuss Isaiah 61:1-4(NLT)**

*61 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me,  
for the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted  
and to proclaim that captives will be released  
and prisoners will be freed.*

*2 He has sent me to tell those who mourn  
that the time of the LORD's favor has come,  
and with it, the day of God's anger against their  
enemies.*

*3 To all who mourn in Israel,*

*he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,  
a joyous blessing instead of mourning,  
festive praise instead of despair.*

*In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks  
that the LORD has planted for his own glory.*

*4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins,  
repairing cities destroyed long ago.*

*They will revive them,  
though they have been deserted for many  
generations*

\*What is this passage telling us about God?

\*If you feel comfortable, share how you have found yourself in these words.

\*What does this passage say about our obligation to become a repairer of the broken?

\*How does heart transformation play into our ability to be restorers?