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2. Have you ever been confronted by an advantage that you have over someone else? Could you list the ways that you are advantaged?
3. How does the concept of Shalom (the harmonious interdependence of God, nature, and humans) change your view of justice?
4. What needs or areas of injustice break your heart? In our city? In our world?
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