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- 2. Have you ever been in a group where you had to work together with an enemy?
- 3. Have a conversation about the culture in WMBC. What are our strengths? What are our weaknesses? If you could change something about us so that we would be better ambassadors of Jesus, what would it be?
- 4. What would be one way that we could move towards "the wrong kinds of people" in Winkler?
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