



## THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY AND DECOLONIZING THE CHURCH

Luke is active in the Presbyterian church, and he notes that this denomination was associated with some of the harmful systems used to strip Native American children of their language and culture. What does confessing this accomplish? How does confession of harm pave a path forward? What does 'accountability' look like in this scenario?

- Luke provides these three questions to think about how historical injustices inform vocational discernment:
  - How am I a part of, or implicated in, larger ecosystems of harm beyond my control? What legacy do I inherit that I never asked for?
  - What is my role in addressing this harm? Recognizing the work others have ALREADY been doing, how can I support?
  - Where am I invited to participate? HAVE I been invited to participate?
- Luke asks lots of questions throughout his presentation. What questions do you have about your own discernment? What kinds of questions have you not asked yet? What kinds of questions have been destructive for you? What questions lead to healing?
- Luke emphasizes that discernment doesn't happen in a vacuum. What systems, influences, and experiences impact your discernment? What systems of privilege do you benefit from? What systems of injustice are you disadvantaged by? How do these influence how you think about your future?