

## TAKING IT HOME

Applying this message to everyday life

1. What does it mean to you to live out Romans 12:18 "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."?
2. What is the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation? What is personally hardest for you in offering either of these?
3. Since we do not worship at an altar as they did in the days of Temple worship, how would you practically obey this command to "leave your gift at the altar...?"
4. Spend time in prayer to ask God to help you obey this command.

*REALationships*  
*#572 – Be Reconciled*  
*Matthew 5:23-24*

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### **Be Reconciled**

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24

### **Understanding this Command**

True biblical unity is not the absence of \_\_\_\_\_ but the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

We are to prioritize \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_

The altar was a place for burning sacrifices as a pleasant \_\_\_\_\_ to God

Reconciliation \_\_\_\_\_ a good conscience

The reconciliation \_\_\_\_\_ is not easy

1. We must set aside all self-\_\_\_\_\_
  - Perception is \_\_\_\_\_!
2. We must discern the right \_\_\_\_\_
  - Finding the right time means asking: "When will this person be most open and \_\_\_\_\_ to my appeal for reconciliation?"
3. We must check our \_\_\_\_\_
  - Explain how your offense must have \_\_\_\_\_

### **Getting-To-Know-Me Questions**

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. How many brothers and sisters do you have? Are you the oldest, a middle child, or youngest?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Would you rather experience an earthquake or a hurricane?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Have you ever lived through the experience of reconciling a relationship? How did that feel?

### **LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK**

For the week of September 17, 2017

#### **Quick Review**

1. As you reflect on last week's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

Jot down a brief answer to the following questions

2. 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 speaks of Christians representing the aroma of Christ to the world. Why are we described as both the aroma that brings life and the aroma that brings death?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In your opinion and understanding of the Word of God, why is reconciliation so important on the one hand and so difficult on the other?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 and paraphrase the key points that are mentioned.