

CTRL-ALT-DELTE
Week 4: Make It Right

Objective: To encourage us to take the added step when we seek forgiveness to also try to make right the wrong we have done.

“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

“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Say to the Israelites: Any man or woman who wrongs another in any way and so is unfaithful to the Lord is guilty and must confess the sin they have committed. They must make full restitution for the wrong they have done, add a fifth of the value to it and give it all to the person they have wronged.’”

Numbers 5:5-7

- Have you ever had to make restitution for something you have done?
- When is simply saying “I’m sorry.” not enough? Why is some type of restitution important?
- When is making restitution easy and when is it more difficult?
- Consider the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19. Was restitution necessary for Jesus to seek fellowship with Zacchaeus? What does Zacchaeus’ willingness to give restitution demonstrate?

Consider this week:

- Is there a relationship or a situation where you might need to seek some type of restitution?
 - Pray for God’s guidance in when restitution might be beneficial.
 - Consider how you might correct physical or financial damages.
 - Consider how you might try to correct emotional or relational damages.
- Whether through restitution or some other action, consider how you can show Christlike love to those you encounter this week.

Final Thought: Even when it is hard and complicated, seeking restitution helps restore relationships and spreads Christlike love.