

FAMILY PLANNING Part 4: The Only Way Forward

Objective: To challenge each of us to keep the door open for reconciliation in those relationships that are broken.

Read together:

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

- How would you distinguish between resolution and reconciliation? (Think back to last week's message). Which do you think is more difficult? Why?
- If you're comfortable sharing, about who do you say, "I don't care"? What makes your relationship with that person challenging?
- The Pastor said that, if you are a follower of Christ, you have no choice but to pursue reconciliation. Why is that? (Reread 2 Corinthians 5:14-15)
- When you stop to think about the fact that, in Christ, God reconciled us to himself, what does that do for your understanding of our need to be reconciled to others?
- What can you do this week to open a door, extend a hand, or lean in the direction of that person? What can this group do to support you?

Final Thought: God - in Christ - removed every obstacle to us being reconciled to him except us. What can you do to remove those obstacles from those about who you say "I don't care."



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