

PUSH MY BUTTONS

Part 4: Push Rewind

Objective: To challenge us to make reconciliation a very real part of our daily lives.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 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.20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

- We all have moments in our lives we love to replay. What is one of your favorite memories to replay? Why do you love it so much?
- Past pain can prevent us from moving forward. Why do you think that is? What is it about past hurts (given or received) that can keep us stuck in a moment we can't get out of?
- When you think about your past, can you identify people who you feel have wronged you or people you feel you have wronged? Have you ever attempted to do anything about it?
- When you hear the word "Reconcile" what do you think of? The pastor said, when it comes to reconciliation, it's less about who did wrong and more about restoring relationships. Do you agree or disagree with that? Why?
- When we practice reconciliation, we are demonstrating the Gospel in action. How does reconciliation point other people towards Jesus?
- According to Paul, if we are in Christ then we have been given the ministry of reconciliation. It is our job to bring reconciliation between people and between people and God. What does it look like to live out that ministry of reconciliation? Are you known as someone who brings reconciliation?

Consider this week:

- What hurt or offense do you need to let go of so that you can move forward? Or, where do you need to go and make things right with someone else so that you can both move forward and move the kingdom of Jesus forward?

Final Thought: God reconciled us to Himself through Jesus. What is stopping us from bringing reconciliation to others?