

Sermon Discussion Guide

"Reconciled for Relationship"
Romans 5:6-11

1.) The end goal of our salvation is not forgiveness, but reconciliation. Christ died for our sins to save us and bring us into a restored relationship with God. God wants to be with us and invites us to be with Him.

- Do you struggle to believe that God wants to be with you? If so, why?

2.) The following are three ways we can relate to God. Which way do you identify with most right now?

1. Relate to God through our past - marked by shame and regret
2. Relate to God through our future - marked by fear or anxiety
3. Relate to God in the present - marked by being with Him today

3.) An intimate relationship with Jesus is what defines Christianity.

- What do you need to do in order to experience being with Him more?
 - Rearrange your schedule? Lay aside sin? Lay aside comfort, status, doing things, etc.?
 - Something else?

4.) Reflect on this chart. Remember who you are/were apart from Christ and remember what God did for you through Christ. How will remembering these truths impact your life this week?

Who we are apart from Christ	What God did for us through Christ
Weak - verse 6	Strong - Isaiah 61:3
Ungodly - verse 6	Godly - 2 Corinthians 5:21
Sinners - verse 8	Saints - Ephesians 2:19
Enemies - verse 10	Family - Galatians 4:4-7