

# sermon discussion

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## MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

Reconciliation results from a real repentance.

- Matthew 5:23–24

Make reconciliation a major priority.

Numbers 5:6-7

STEP 1 – Realize your offense.

- Mark 7:21–22
- Numbers 5:6b

STEP 2 – Agree with God about the sin.

- 1 John 1:9

STEP 3 – Prepare to repent.

- Luke 3:8a
- Luke 19:8
- Ephesians 4:25
- Ephesians 4:28

STEP 4 – Go.

- Matthew 5:23

STEP 5 – Confess and apologize.

- James 5:16

STEP 6 – Make it right.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever been caught off guard by unknowingly offending someone you care about? Was your initial internal response different from the ultimate way you responded?
2. **Read Numbers 5:6-7 & Luke 19:8-9.** In the story of Zacchaeus, we see a practical demonstration of repentance involving restitution. How can making amends, like Zacchaeus did, contribute to genuine reconciliation?
3. **Read Matthew 5:23.** In this passage, Jesus emphasizes the importance of reconciliation before offering a gift to God. How does this illustrate the priority of human relationships in God's eyes?
4. What are some examples of Christ of extending forgiveness to those who wronged him or accused him? *See Luke 23:34, Luke 22:61-62, John 21:15-19, Matthew 26:47-56.*
5. How can you proactively resolve conflict with a non-believer so your humility and love will point them to Christ? *See Romans 5:6-8 and Matthew 6:12.*
6. Share a personal experience where confronting and resolving an offense led to healing in a relationship. How did it impact you and the other person?
7. Think about a current or past relationship where reconciliation is needed. What action can you take this week to seek to make it right, regardless of the other person's response? *Consider praying this week about planning a conversation to confess, apologize, and share your steps for growth with that person.*

## GOING FURTHER

**MEMORIZE:** *"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."* **Matthew 6:12 NIV**

**WATCH:** A murder/forgiveness story - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2BITY-3Mp4>

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**READ ARTICLE:** Biblical Peacemaking - <https://rw360.org/biblical-peacemaking/>

**READ BOOK:** *Peace Maker* by Ken Sande