



INSTRUCTIONS NOT INCLUDED

Wayne Alguire (January 8-9, 2022)

TEXT

Philippians 2:5-9, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

TALK ABOUT IT

1. In what way is God calling you to surrender?
2. How might you take responsibility for contributing to a broken relationship?
3. What does it mean for you to think like Jesus this week?

LOOK TO THE WORD

...who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used for his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross. Philippians 2:6-8

- What does it mean that Jesus “did not consider equality with God” if He was still fully God while He lived on earth?
- How could Jesus have used his God-nature to His advantage?
- What did it mean to be a “servant” in Paul’s context/culture?
- What does it mean to be “obedient to death”?



RE-ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; The old is gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 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 5:17-19

- What did it mean to Paul's audience that God was "counting people's sins against them"?
- What does "the old is gone, the new is here" mean?
- What does it mean to be reconciled to God himself?

LOOK INWARD

The way we communicate has changed over the years: letter mail, phone calls, voicemails, emails, texts, tweets, and so on.

- What is your preferred way of communicating?
- In general, how do you feel about each type of communication?
- What are some assumptions that you approach each method with?
 - An example: text messages should be answered immediately or phone calls can be sent to voicemail and you'll respond later.

Where two or more people are gathered, there is conflict! – Eugene Peterson

- How have you experienced Peterson's words to be true?
- What questions do you have because of this quote?

Wayne said, "Relationships are difficult: always evolving, requiring attention, and often repair..."

- Why are relationships difficult?
- What kind of attention do relationships require?
- Why do relationships require repair?



Wayne said, "Your goal isn't reconciliation. It's no regrets."

- What are some common ways people might respond to your attempts to repair a relationship?
- How do you feel when you can't control someone else's response to your attempts to repair a relationship?

It takes one person to forgive. It takes two to be reconciled.

- How is this statement true? What questions does it raise for you?
- We are called to pursue reconciliation with no regrets.
 - How have you experienced regrets in relationships before?
 - How has God worked to soothe any regrets you have?

LOOK OUTWARD

Wayne said, "reassembling a broken relationship is a learned skill."

- What type of skills help build, maintain or repair relationships?

Paul went from persecuting followers of Jesus to pastoring them.

- What does it mean to have the "same attitude towards others" as Jesus?
- What do you expect from others if they have the attitude of Jesus towards you?

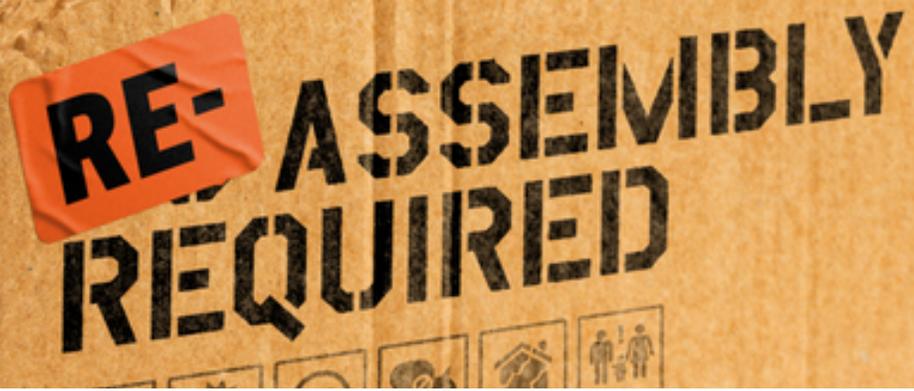
Jesus' mindset was: leaving the 99 for the 1, leaving your sacrifice to seek forgiveness, to be a physician for the sick not the healthy, to pray for those who nailed him to a cross.

- What are ways someone can adopt this mindset in their day to day life?
- What is one way you will commit to adopt His mindset this week? How can others help you achieve this mindset?

SO WHAT?

*"We have confessed to being followers of Jesus
without becoming truly shaped by the values he lived and died for."*

Rich Villodas, The Deeply Formed Life



BREATH PRAYER

Jesus, let me have Your mindset towards others this week. Amen.

WEEKLY PRACTICE

Hospitality

Take 5 minutes this week to visit with someone who you might normally pass by. Instead of the regular: "Hey, how's it going? Good!" and moving on... pause and ask what the other person has been doing or what has been at the centre of their thoughts these days. When you pause to reflect on what is important to someone else, what show them their value and help them feel "known".

NEVER STOP PRAYING

- Praise God for a new year with new hopes and dreams
- Praise God for the opportunity to maintain in-person gatherings as well as livestream
- Pray for our Young Adults who are embarking on a period of fasting to start the year
- Pray for the health and safety of everyone involved as staff and students return to in-person learning in schools
- Pray for the launch of our new Rule of Life course this Wednesday
- Pray for those who are looking for a new start and considering Jesus
- Pray for those starting Alpha this month
- Pray for the exponential impact of our Give 2021 campaign
- Pray for the continued restoration and renewal of main building at Trinity

UPCOMING COURSES

Be sure to visit our groups & courses webpage to find out about Rule of Life, Emotionally Healthy Relationships, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality and Alpha.

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