

Ephesians Part 6 - Reconciled

March 13, 2022 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Icebreaker question: Have you ever been estranged from someone for a while and then later reconciled? What was that like?
2. The sermon focused on the reconciliation we can experience through Jesus. What do you remember about each of the main points? What stood out to you or impacted you?
3. Read Luke 15:11-24
 - a) How do you think the father felt about his younger son's request?
 - b) How did things turn out for the son?
 - c) What made him decide to return home?
 - d) What was the father's reaction to seeing his son's return?
 - e) How have you been like the younger son in your own life?
 - f) What does this story reveal to you about God's love?
4. Read Luke 15:25-32
 - a) What was the older brother's reaction to the celebration? Why?
 - b) How did the father respond to him?
 - c) What should we do when a vile person wants to be forgiven?
 - d) When have you been like the older brother in the story?
 - e) Are there certain types of people you feel critical toward? How do you think God views them?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
 - a) What do you think Paul means by a "new creation"? (see Ezekiel 36:26-28 and John 3:3)
 - b) How were we reconciled to God?
 - c) What has God given to us in addition to reconciliation with Him?
 - d) What do you think it means to be ambassadors of Christ?
 - e) What is God's message to the world through us?
 - f) How can we become more effective ambassadors?
6. Spend some time in prayer. Thank God for the reconciliation He has given you through Christ. Pray that more walls of hostility in the world would be torn down as people respond to the gospel.