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HOW TO FIX A BROKEN RELATIONSHIP

1. Handle _____

“Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.”
Ephesians 4:26-27

2. Ask _____

“If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.”
1 John 4:20-21

3. Offer _____

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”
Ephesians 4:31-32

HOW CAN I FIX A BROKEN RELATIONSHIP?

4. Recognize that God _____ responsible

Memory Verse

“If possible, so far as it depends on you,
be at peace with all men.”
Romans 12:18

Romans 12 Challenge

- Read Romans 12 each day for the rest of the month
- Pick a different aspect of the chapter to focus on and put into practice each week

Jim Elliot Challenge

- “*Wherever you are, be all there.*”
- Go tech free for one hour a day for the rest of the month

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Fix my broken relationship with God by accepting the forgiveness He offers in Jesus Christ
- Memorize Romans 12:18
- Accept the Romans 12 challenge
- Accept the Jim Elliot challenge
- Get the most out of today's teaching by participating in a Life Group this week



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Discussion Questions - Week #4

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "Forgiveness: How Can I Fix a Broken Relationship," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- What is the most expensive thing you've ever broken? Were you able to do anything to fix it?

- How would you define a broken relationship?

- Why do you think that so many people are willing to live lives littered with broken relationships?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In the message this weekend Pastor Rick and Judy shared that sin is at the root of every broken relationship. Read Matthew 7:3-5. Do you think this passage means we should never confront someone who we feel has wronged us?

What point do you think Jesus is trying to make?

Can you think of a time when you failed to follow Jesus' guidance in this way, and it turned out poorly?

How might embracing the truth in this passage help us in our efforts to restore a broken relationship?

2. As we heard in the message, Adam and Eve's sin resulted in a broken relationship with God and with each other. Read the Great Commandment found in Matthew 22:34-40. How is the Great Commandment tied to the initial fallout of the Adam and Eve's first sin?

Do you think Jesus is cheating by answering the expert in the law's question for the greatest commandment by giving him two?

Why do you think Jesus specified that we are to love God with heart, soul, and mind?

What does it look like today to "Love your neighbor as yourself"?

3. In order to fix our broken relationships, we must first handle our anger appropriately. Read James 1:19-21. What are advantages of being "slow to become angry"?

Can you think of ways where your quickness to become angry has negatively impacted a relationship?

How do you think you could make it a habit to be "slow to become angry"?

TAKING IT HOME

☞ How can the group be praying for you to fix the broken relationships in your life?

☞ Romans 12:18 tells us "If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men." What is a step that you could take this week to pursue peace where there is brokenness?

PRAYER REQUESTS