



RESET - Your Relationships

Sermon-Based Discussion Prompts

Write your observations in the margin

Bible Text(s):

Read and observe what the texts says. Check the back for discussion prompts.

Matthew 5:9-16 (ESV)

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Romans 12:17-19 (ESV)

¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

Matthew 7:1-5 (ESV)

¹“Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

⁴Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Jot down the key takeaway

Your Time Together:

- Connect:** Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. Just arrive after a long week of all kind of things. - Ask: Who are you personally?
- Care:** Carry each others burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Cry together. Support each other. Pray together. - Ask: How are you doing?
- Challenge:** Dive into God's word to learn from each others insight. Encourage & challenge each other to a godly life. - Ask: What is God teaching us today?
- Clarify:** Know what's to do next, with the studies text, within the group, and in general. Have a mission for the week. - Ask: How do we apply what we have learned?
- Celebrate:** Celebrate life's success and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to *brag* about God. - Ask: What has God done in our life that deserves praise?

Discussion Prompts



We continue in our RESET sermon series. After re-setting our life on a firm foundation, which is Jesus Christ, and resetting our priorities, pastor Bryce has now challenged us to **Reset our Relationships**. Relationships break. This has been true from the beginning, since Adam and Eve have broken God's trust in the Garden of Eden. And ever since that broken trust, God has been on a mission to restore this broken relationship. Let's look at 3 aspects this can play out in our lives:

1. How is your relationship with God? Really, how are you and God lately? Are you *good* with God? Or do you feel anxious about that relationship? - How about writing God a letter? Confess what's on your heart. Express what you feel is disturbing your relationship with Him. Get right with God.

Obviously you can't send that letter by mail. Just place it in your Bible for now. Know that in Jesus, he already went to great lengths to make you right with Him. Through Jesus He restores your relationship.

2. How is your relationship with the people around you? Take a moment to pray *Psalms 139:23-24*. What does God bring to your mind? Where have you offended or hurt someone? Where are you called to ask for forgiveness of a brother, a sister, a spouse, a parent, or a child of yours (not an exhaustive list 😊)?

Yes, it is hard to ask for forgiveness. But it is harder to live with the load of guilt.

3. Now examine own pain? Has someone hurt you? Has someone said something nasty or hurtful? Has someone done something wrong against you? According to Jesus' instructions, the first thing he asks us to do is to "go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, **you have won that person back.**" Matthew 18:15 (NLT)

Which one of your relationships needs a **reset**? Over-and-over, pastor Bryce reminded us that *God went to great lengths to make peace a reality for us*. And now He calls us to go too and make peace. You might need a mediator or counselor for that, and that's ok, but we are called to reset our relationships.

Feel free to reach out to the staff of MBIC if you need help with any one of those three steps.