

# RE-ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

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We've talked a lot about how to reassemble a broken relationship and have challenged you to make these two decisions:

1. I will get back to, not get back at.
2. I will own my slice of the blame pie.

### CONNECT

Discuss these two questions as a group:

1. In what ways have you begun to implement the first two decisions we've talked about? How has it gone?
2. Did you memorize Romans 12:18? Share it with the group.

### LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Encourage your group members to watch the full message sometime this week to remind them of what you talked about.

### APPLY

After giving your group members an opportunity to share what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Read Matthew 5:23–24 aloud, referring to the ancient tradition of bringing a voluntary, above-and-beyond offering to the temple altar. What stands out to you and why? Why would it be important to be reconciled to another person before offering your gift to God?
2. Which of these four decisions is hardest for you? What makes it so difficult?
  - I will get back to, not get back at.
  - I will own my slice of the blame pie.
  - I will make the first move regardless of who moved away first.
  - I will keep the door open and the welcome mat out.



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4. Would you say you're reconciled to God? If not and you're exploring faith, how would reconciling with God change how you view him?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20–21. If you are reconciled with God, do you know anyone else who needs to be reconciled with him? How can you help them do that?

## WRAP UP

Your leader will give instructions on what your group will be doing next. This may be a good time to serve as a group or to spend some time together socially.

## PRAY

End your group time by praying together. Intentionally ask God to help you implement the four decisions we have talked about in our relationships. You can use Andy's prayer as a starting place:

*Heavenly Father, it's a lot easier to stand up here and talk about this than to walk down the stairs and back into my real world and do. But you did it for me. You did it for everybody who is listening. You did it for everybody in the whole world. So would you give us eyes to see the people around us in a different way and ears to hear? Would you give us the courage to act? Would you give us the wisdom to know what to do and what not to do? How far to push this? When to step back?*

*And Father, whatever it is you're calling us to do, we want to follow. We don't just want to be believers. We want to be doers. We want to be part of that group that brings about change... not under our own strength, but simply by following you. You've invited us into a different way of living that makes the world a different place to live in, and we want to be a part of that. It begins for many of us with making these decisions to give us the wisdom to know what to do and the courage to do it. And, Father, for the man or the woman or the college student or high school student who just put you in the past and has pushed you away, I pray, oh God, that they would be reconciled to their Father in heaven. In Jesus's name, Amen.*

