



LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP:

Groups are essential to finding authentic community and spiritual growth. A group is where you are “known” and you grow. It’s as simple as ABC: Accountability, Belonging and Care.

YOUR PERSONAL ROLE:

Listen to the weekend message (at church or online). Show up consistently for group meetings. Be authentic while in the group meeting. **CONSISTENCY + AUTHENTICITY = COMMUNITY** (What we are all longing for)

CHECKING IN QUESTION:

What’s the most “creative” (a.k.a. ridiculous) way you’ve ever tried to avoid apologizing for something?

Big Idea: Reconciliation is not easy, nor is it always possible, but it begins with a **posture of humility** and a commitment to **removing obstacles** to peace. Jesus modeled this by reconciling us to God despite our resistance, calling us to extend the same grace to others. True maturity in relationships means being willing to make the first move, own our part, and leave the door open for restoration—even when it’s inconvenient. While we cannot control the outcome, we can commit to living with **no regrets**—knowing we did our part to create the opportunity for healing.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

1. Reflecting on your relationships, do you find that you are typically the more mature person when conflict arises? Would those closest to you agree with that assessment? Why or why not?
2. Read **Matthew 5:23–24** ([link](#)) Why do you think Jesus emphasizes reconciliation before offering a gift to God? How does this challenge your approach to broken relationships?
3. In the message we talked about how **reconciliation requires humility**, which is often unnatural for us. Why do you think humility is such a difficult posture to take? How can we develop a heart that embraces humility in relationships?
4. Out of the four relational decisions—
 - *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 created the mess.*
 - *I will keep the door open and the welcome mat out.*

Which one do you find the hardest to commit to? Why?

5. Read **2 Corinthians 5:20–21** ([link](#)) and **Romans 5:10–11** ([link](#)). How has God demonstrated reconciliation toward us? How does this impact the way we should approach reconciliation with others?
6. The challenge for us is to pursue "**no regrets**" rather than forcing reconciliation. How does this shift your perspective on repairing broken relationships? What does it look like to leave the door open without demanding resolution?

HOW CAN THE GROUP PRAY FOR YOU THIS WEEK?