

He Chose the Nails Leader Guide

Session 2: He Chose to Forgive Us

Discussion Questions:

1. What part of the teaching had the most impact on you?

Receiving the Gift of Reconciliation

2. Imagine you have decided to give a “just because” gift to someone you know well, such as a good friend. Describe the kind of response you hope your gift recipient will have. What is the best response you could hope for – that would convince you that your friend has not only truly received and loved your gift but also recognized your heart in giving it?
 - a. Now imagine a year has passed. You’re helping this same friend prepare for an upcoming yard sale when you notice your gift among the items in a box designated for the sale. How might your discovery of the gift in the yard sale box impact the way you relate to your friend?
3. In Colossians 1:20-23 NLT, Paul described our condition prior to reconciliation as that of “enemies.” What comes to mind in connection with the phrases “enemies of God” or “God haters”?
 - a. What emotions do you experience knowing that before Christ, you were a God hater or an enemy of God?
 - b. In what ways, if any, are you tempted to resist, minimize, or otherwise rationalize this truth about yourself? What makes it hard to accept that it really is true?

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4. The promise of reconciliation is peace with God – we stand “whole and holy in his presence.” This is the opposite extreme of being God’s enemy. Do you find this truth about yourself – that you are whole and holy in God’s sight – easier to believe and accept than the truth about being God’s enemy? Why or why not?
 - a. Paul acknowledges that even though we have been reconciled to God, it’s possible to drift away from God’s gift. It makes sense that we might distance ourselves from the painful truth of our enemy status with God, but why might we also distance ourselves from the truth of our reconciliation?

5. Why do you think it matters so much to understand that Jesus was not a victim but one who made a sacrificial choice from a position of authority?
 - a. Max said, “The nails in the cross show us the lengths God will go to cover our sins and restore our relationship with him.” What hopes or fears come to mind when you consider taking Christ’s love for you more seriously than you do right now?