

RE-ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

The Posture of Reconciliation

The more mature person typically makes the first move toward reconciliation. And that first move is rarely convenient.

Discussion Questions

1. If you surveyed all the relationships you have, are you typically the more mature or less mature person? Would the “other” person in all those relationships agree with your answer?
2. 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?
3. Is there anyone you feel the need to reconcile with? What is really keeping you from making the first move toward reconciliation?
4. Which of these four decisions do you need to make? What makes you say that?
 - 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.
5. Would you say you’re reconciled to God? What makes you think that? Read **2 Corinthians 5:20–21** and **Romans 5:10–11** aloud. How has God made reconciliation possible?

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, be at peace with everyone. (Romans 12:18)
