**May 5, 2019 Sermon and Community Group Notes**

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Community Group Discussion and Application Questions**

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Comprehension Questions:**

* Why do we need to be reconciled with God?
  + What does it mean that we were enemies of God?
  + How has our sin created hostility between us and God?
* How do we reconcile God’s love and His hostility towards us?

**Application Question:**

* Reflect on your enmity with God. How has your sin made you an enemy of God? How have your actions created hostility between you and God? Allow God to reveal a new, greater depth of your own sinfulness. What do you want to say to God? What is God speaking to you?

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Comprehension Questions:**

* How did God initiate reconciliation with us through the cross of Jesus Christ?
* What happened at the cross that accomplishes reconciliation between us and God?
* What is our part in the reconciliation process? How do we respond to God’s reconciliation in Christ in order to be reconciled with God?

**Application Question:**

* Reflect on Jesus Christ our reconciliation. How have you been reconciled to God? Imagine God placing your hostility/enmity towards Him upon Jesus at the cross. Take time to thank God for the reconciliation that is yours in Christ. What do you want to say to God? What is God speaking to you?

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Comprehension Questions:**

* What are 4 benefits of reconciliation?
  + What does it mean that we have a new relationship with God, one of peace and not hostility?
  + What is the new identity we have through Jesus our reconciliation? How should this new identity affect our lives today?
  + What is the new ministry of reconciliation that we have been given? How does this new ministry affect our lives today?
  + What is the new destiny we have because of Jesus our reconciliation? How does this new identity affect your life in this world?

**Application Question:**

* Reflect on the benefits of Jesus Christ our reconciliation. Sit in the peace you have with God through Christ. Relish your new status before God in Christ. Receive the new ministry God has for you in this world. Rejoice in the hope of eternal life you have because of His reconciliation. What do you want to say to God? What is God speaking to you?