



Reconciliation over Rehetoric

*In the New Year, we often think of the things we will *do*, in this series, we will explore what we will undo. Through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus would undo some of the prevailing mindsets, behaviors and interactions that keeps u separated from Him and Others.*

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Circle Time: Share about a time an argument or conflict broke out at a family gathering.
 - What was the core disagreement that took place?
 - What happened when people took sides? How long, if ever, did it take your family to heal from that?
 - Was there a difference to how Christians in your family responded to the conflict than non Christians?
- Jesus taught all throughout His ministry that the world will know we are Christians by the way we treat each other?
 - What is the opinion that the world carries of Christians? Is it good or bad?
 - What about the way we treat each other has informed the world of its opinion of us?
- Read Ephesians 4:17-5:2
 - What sticks out to you in this scripture?
 - Paul's readers were to remember that they were non-Jews (2:11) "in the Lord" (4:17). "Although they are not required to become Jews in order to complete their faith in Christ, they are also not free to continue to live as their pagan neighbors do."
 - List the behaviors that Christians, whether Jews or non Jews, were instructed to do according to Paul in this passage.
 - List the behaviors that Christians, whether Jews or non Jews, were instructed to NOT do according to Paul in this passage.
 - Which of these instructions do you find easy to live out?
 - Which of these instructions do you find to be the most challenging to live out? What makes it hard?
- In what ways have you been witness to the consequences when Christians did not behave the way Paul instructs in Ephesians? How did it affect the individual. How did it affect others?
- What is one practice that Paul lists that you will commit to instilling into your own daily living?
- Pray with each other.