

3. Of the three observations, "The Goal is Reconciliation," "The Responsibility is Yours," and "The Time is Now," which one is most challenging for you, and why?

4. Review Genesis 2:24, and Philippians 2:2. Describe what it means to "pull together" from these verses.

5. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to know and what you need to do in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind.

## IN YOUR GROUP

TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the **bold** questions above. In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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## Growth Guide

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020

### CONNECT AT CORNERSTONE

Cornerstone is a group of Jesus' followers who aim to honor God by showing what he can do with and through lives surrendered to him. We believe following Jesus makes life better, and makes you better at life—and brings glory to God in the process. Let us show you how!

We want to welcome you personally!

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## MORE PEOPLE SAYING "YES!" TO JESUS MORE OFTEN

### THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

During this season we want everyone to...**MAKE PROGRESS SPIRITUALLY** and **GO DEEPER RELATIONALLY**. We know you'll get more out of Cornerstone Online when you watch together. See [CORNERSTONENH.ORG/WATCHTOGETHER](https://www.cornerstonenh.org/watchtogether) for details.

### TODAY'S MESSAGE

#### PULL TOGETHER

STAY POSITIVE WEEK FIVE • TODAY: RELATIONSHIPS

MATTHEW 5:23-26; 18:15-17

THE BOTTOM LINE

### SETTLE YOUR DIFFERENCES QUICKLY

"...settle your differences quickly..."

— Matthew 5:25 NLT

REMEMBER...

*Our loving God is working in every situation  
for our future good.*

### THE GOAL IS RECONCILIATION

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

– Genesis 2:24 NLT

So I'm asking you, my friends, that you be joined together in perfect unity—with one heart, one passion, and united in one love. Walk together with one harmonious purpose and you will fill my heart with unbounded joy. – Philippians 2:2 TPT

So...

leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and **be reconciled** to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

– Matthew 5:24 NLT

If the other person listens and confesses it, you have **won** that person **back**. – Matthew 18:15b NLT

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. – Ephesians 4:31 NLT

### THE RESPONSIBILITY IS YOURS

*When you are at fault (or someone else thinks you are)...*

leave your sacrifice there at the altar. **Go** and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

– Matthew 5:24 NLT

*When the other person is at fault (or you think they are)...*

If another believer sins against you, **go privately** and point out the offense. – Matthew 18:15a NLT

But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. – Matthew 18:16 NLT

If it is possible, as far as it depends upon you, live at peace with everyone. – Romans 12:18 NIV

### THE TIME IS NOW

If another believer sins against you, **go** privately and point out the offense. – Matthew 18:15a NLT

"So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. "When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly. – Matthew 5:23-25a NLT

And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life. – Ephesians 4:26-27 NLT/MSG

### NOW IS THE "RIGHT TIME" TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT

For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation. – 2 Corinthians 6:2 NLT

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### THE CHALLENGE:

Take a step to resolve one conflict today.

## ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

**1. Where have you seen evidence that God is working in your current situations for your good? Where have you seen that in your relationships specifically?**

**2. What are some reasons someone might avoid settling difference quickly?**