

**A TIME TO HEAL
“A Time to Befriend”
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Romans 5:6-11 (ESV)

CENTRAL TRUTH:

To reconcile means to replace hostility and separation with peace and friendship.

WHAT RECONCILIATION REQUIRES

1. It requires that both my offender and I be **repentant**
2. It requires that I give a repentant person an opportunity to regain my **trust**.
3. It requires that I build my relationship to be at least as good as it was **before** the offense occurred.

HOW RECONCILIATION IS EXPRESSED

1. In **thought**
2. In **word**
3. In **conduct**

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Going Deeper into the Message

1. Share how God has been speaking to you throughout the “A Time to Heal” series.
2. Carefully read Romans 5:6-11 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. What observations do you make about how God has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ?
3. How is forgiveness different from reconciliation? Is it possible to do one without doing the other?
4. Think of a conflict that you are presently involved in or one from your past.
 - How can you give a repentant person an opportunity to regain your trust?
 - What can you do to rebuild your relationship to be at least as good as it was before the offense occurred?
 - Which of the expressions of reconciliation do you find most difficult?
5. What should you do in the case when you want to reconcile but your offender does not?

Responding to the Message

6. What one insight from the message seems most personally significant to you right now and what action can you take in the next week to start putting this into practice or to cooperate with God in bringing about this transformation?