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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking, then choose the questions that work best for your group.

Re-Assembly Required Week 1

ICE-BREAKER:

If someone were to examine your past (and perhaps current) strained relationships, what grade would they give you in terms of the effort you put into repairing those relationships?

What is the basis for your answer above?

DISCUSS:

Do you have friends or family members who are estranged from others in their family? From where you sit, what is the root cause for the tension in these relationships?

Which of these four relational tools do you reach for first when conflict arises: Do you attempt to convince, coerce, convict, or control?

READ:

“Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”

– **Philippians 2:3-5 (NLT)**

What stands out to you most in this passage?

APPLY IT

If you are estranged from a family member or friend, what is stopping you from taking steps to repair that relationship?

How could begin applying some of the phrases in the passage above as you take your next steps toward repairing a broken or damaged relationship?