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Connecting the Dots . . . (after sermon discussion)

1. What have you learned in this series about being reconciled with others?
2. Why do people let problems fester in their relationships with others? Said another way, why is reconciliation hard and therefore avoided all too often?
3. Why do people gather together for worship?
4. Why do people bring an offering as a part of their worship?
5. If we want to worship God, what is necessary for us to come to God?

Digging Deeper Together (for further study during the week)

1. Jesus says in Matthew 5:23 that if we are bringing an offering to God and remember that there is a problem between us and someone else, what does Jesus say we are supposed to do? Why is this important? John 4:23
2. How would you carry this out practically? Would you leave the church service? What if you remember this issue on Saturday evening as you are writing out your offering check? When does Jesus indicate is the right time to take care of the offense you remember? James 1:19, Ephesians 4:26
3. As Jesus is teaching us in Matthew 5:23-24, who is this offense with that we should take care of right away? Is this a spiritual and/or a biological sibling? Why is this important? Matthew 18:21-22, Galatians 6:10
4. As Jesus teaches in Matthew 5:25, who do you think this offense with? How should we deal with an offense with this type of person? What unique elements of our relationship with this person are involved that we need to be aware of? Ephesians 4:18, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Proverbs 24:20
5. For you, what has allowed you in the past to stop remembering past conflict with either family members, church family members or even with non-believers? How can you allow the peace of Christ to help you rather than allowing your pride to help you? James 4:1-4, 1 John 2:16, Ephesians 2:13-16