

## 1. Get Acquainted: Icebreaker

- Think of a friendship that disintegrated and needed reconciliation.
  - What caused the rift in your relationship?
  - How were you reconciled? Who made the first move? What was it?

## 2. Worship: No Longer a slave to Fear

We want to be people who sing and have a song in our heart. At Trinity, we also want to do more than listen to music. We want to worship so let's develop the skill of being great with music, worship and singing by listening and learning to respond in prayer and praise. Song skill is essential if we are to love and understand our friends and neighbors. (see quote below)

From an internet search I found this statement: In 2016, Americans listened to an **average** of 26.6 hours of **music** per week, while the year prior, it was just 23.5 hours. The trend shows massive gains from year to year, with the **average** expanding by several hours every 12 months.

[https://open.spotify.com/track/1e2WZAaJXIFAk5801jJyM7?si=20xKlqlxQAW9rtXfu\\_IP2w](https://open.spotify.com/track/1e2WZAaJXIFAk5801jJyM7?si=20xKlqlxQAW9rtXfu_IP2w)

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

You unravel me, with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance, from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

From my mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again, into a family  
Your blood flows through my veins

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
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I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

I am surrounded  
By the arms of the father  
I am surrounded  
By songs of deliverance  
We've been liberated  
From our bondage  
Were the sons and the daughters  
Let us sing our freedom

You split the sea  
So I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me  
And I will stand and sing  
I am the child of God  
You split the sea  
So I could walk right through it  
You drowned my fears in perfect love  
You rescued me  
And I will stand and sing  
I am the child of God (yes I am)

I am a Child of God  
I am a Child of God (yes I am)  
I am a Child of God (full of faith yes)  
I am a Child of God  
I am a Child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

### 3. Kingdom Centered Prayer: Praying Trinity's Values

This January series on Trinity's Values let's us develop a memorable way to pray for our friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and enemies. Ask a couple people to pray our TPC Values for other folks in the group using each value in a sentence of the prayer. Maybe consider mixing this prayer practice in between other elements of the meeting till every person in the group is prayed for. This will fill our minds with patterns so we can pray for each other and others during the week.

#### G R O W Out!

G – Gospel

R – Relationship

O – Openness

W – Work / Rigger

Out - Outreach

### 4. Sermon Reflection:

**Ephesians 2:11-22 (ESV)** <sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Warm up: The Gospel affects Everything and Everyone

- Why does the Gospel affect every relationship?
- How does the Gospel affect every relationship?
- Give an example of how what Jesus has done for you is affecting how you relate to:
  - Someone you work with
  - Someone you live with
  - Someone in your past
  - Someone in your future

## Reconciliation Presumes a Break

- How do you notice or what are the signs of a breakdown or break in a relationship with a friend or co-worker?
- How did God make you aware there was a breakdown in your relationship with Him initially?
- What are the ways you notice a break in your relationship with God now?
- How did and do you feel:
  - Far off
  - Hostile
  - Alien
  - Stranger

## Disintegration Repaired

- What does it feel like when a relationship is repaired or reconciled?
- How did Jesus reconcile you to our Father in Heaven?
- What does that reconciliation feel like?
- How did Jesus solve the following problems in your relationship with God:
  - You being far off
  - You being hostile to God
  - You being an Alien
  - You being a stranger
  - You being Guilty
  - You having failed

## Real Relationship

- Geometry
  - As we move toward God as our center we will become closer and closer together.
    - How have you experienced this closeness with other believers?
- Consequence of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
  - Community – God is a community 3 person, 1 essence
    - How or where do you need others?
    - How has isolation provided an opportunity for sin and shame?
  - Love – Father, Son and Holy Spirit
    - How do the needs of others provide an opportunity for you to love?

5. Mission: Ambassadors for Christ

**2 Corinthians 5:20-21** <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

- Who do you know that is unreconciled to God? Make a list. Commit to pray for them. Pray for them now.
- Who is God calling you to go make His appeal to be reconciled on His behalf?
- Example: I have been praying for my High School buddies to come to Christ for 42 years and my friend Ed Diaz has lead all but one to Christ. Ha ha. I am taking the prayer credit.