

## Preparing for Reconciliation

### 1. Readiness for Individual Preparation & Congregational Preparation

### Reconciliation –

Scripture assignments and Bible Studies – Allow the Lord to use His Word in your life.

#### **On Loving**

1 Corinthians 13      Study and read this passage each day for 30 days.  
John 13:33-35  
1 John 4:12-21  
1 John 3:17-18

#### **On Reconciliation**

Ephesians 2:11-13      Luke 17:1-4  
Matthew 5:23-24  
2 Corinthians 5:18-20

#### **On Unity**

Psalms 133:1  
John 17:11, 21-23  
Ephesians 2:19-21  
Ephesians 4:1-6

#### **On Confession**

1 John 1:8-9  
Psalm 34:14-18  
Psalm 51:1-17

#### **On Forgiving**

Proverbs 24:17-19      Ephesians 4:32  
Matthew 5:7, 39-46  
Matthew 18:21-35  
Romans 12:14-21  
Colossians 3:13  
1 Peter 3:9-12

#### **On Accountability**

Matthew 18:15-20  
Ephesians 4:11-16  
Galatians 6:1

#### **On Peace**

Matthew 5:9      Ephesians 4:25-32  
Romans 12:18      Proverbs 16:27-2  
1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13  
James 3:17, 18

**Prayer assignments** – Take the next thirty days to pray for one another. Pray especially for those you feel you have offended and for those who have offended you.

**Perspective assignments** – Move from personal excuses and blaming others to personal accountability and personal responsibility for my actions and attitudes.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13 each day. Personalize it.
2. Each day, read and meditate on one other passage from the first page. As you read and meditate, complete one of the following spiritual exercises that best fits you and that passage that day!

Write down an offense you have committed against another. How would our Lord Jesus respond in a similar situation?

Write down an offense that someone has committed against you. How would our Lord Jesus respond in a similar situation?

Write a paragraph on how this behavior affects the heart of God.

Write a paragraph on what needs to happen in your life in order for you to confess any offense and/or to forgive any offense.

How have I contributed to the problem?

Write several sentences as to what you believe God is trying to teach you in this situation.

**2. Individual Reconciliation – I have sinned**

As the Lord deals with you, begin to seek reconciliation with those whom you have offended and those who have offended you.

**3. Congregational Reconciliation – We have sinned**

Bring the congregation together for a solemn assembly.

This will involve repentance, confession, seeking and granting forgiveness, confrontation of unconfessed sins and restoration.

This may mean bringing back former pastors who have been wronged.

Reading the Word of God

Reading the Church Covenant

**4. Congregational Discipline – Unconfessed sin and unreconciled relationships**

Letters of resignation

Actions of dismissal which follow the steps outlined in the church constitution