

Readiness for Reconciliation

Individual & Congregational Preparation

On Loving

1 Corinthians 13
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

Psalm 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
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 16:27-28
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
James 3:17-18

God desires for us to move from excuses and blaming others to personal accountability and personal responsibility for our actions and attitudes. This means going to others to confess offenses and or going to others to confront them on how they have offended us.

Action:

Daily pray for your church family. Pray especially for those you feel you have offended and for those who have offended you.

Daily read and meditate on at least one of the above passages. 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 Jesus respond in a similar situation?
- Write down an offense that someone has committed against you. How would 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 an offense and/or to forgive an offense.
- Write out how you have contributed to the problem.
- Write several sentences as to what you believe God is trying to teach you in this situation.