

#WeStand to Promote Reconciliation

Week 1

“My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring.”

1 John 3:18 (NCV)

“For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself...And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.”

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT)

How to Personally Promote Reconciliation

1) Make peace with God.

“Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you.”

James 4:1 (NCV)

“You want what you don’t have...so you fight and wage war to take it...Yet you don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it.”

James 4:2 (NLT)

2) Put the focus on 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.”

Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT)

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?”

Matthew 7:3 (NIV)

3) Follow Jesus’ instructions.

“If your fellow believer sins against you, go and tell him in private...” Matthew 18:15 (NCV)

“...take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.”

Matthew 18:16 (NLT)

“...if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.” Matthew 18:17 (NIV)

4) Emphasize reconciliation over restoration.

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” Rom. 12:18 (NIV)

“God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.”

Matthew 5:9 (NCV)