



# Faith in God Ministry Lesson Plan: Identifying & Handling Those Who Reject Reconciliation

**Lesson Title: When Peace Is Rejected – Identifying & Handling Those Who Refuse Reconciliation**


**Foundation Scriptures:**

 **John 15:12-13** – *“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”*

 **1 John 3:10** – *“This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.”*


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## I. Understanding the Spirit Behind Rejection of Reconciliation

 **1 John 4:7-8** – *“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”*


**Key Kingdom Truths:**

- **Reconciliation is a command from the King** (Matthew 5:23-24), but not everyone is willing to follow it.
- **True love and forgiveness are marks of those who belong to God.** Those who refuse to love, forgive, and seek peace **are operating under the influence of the devil** (1 John 3:10).
- **Love is more than words—it is action** (1 John 3:18). If someone consistently refuses to **walk in love and forgiveness**, they are showing **who their true master is**.

 **Reflection:** Are you dealing with someone who consistently rejects love, peace, and reconciliation?


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## II. Identifying Those Who Reject Peace & Reconciliation

 **1 John 2:9-11** – *“Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.”*

### **Signs of a Person Who Rejects Peace & Reconciliation:**

- 1 **They refuse to engage in honest peace talks** – They avoid discussions that could lead to healing.
- 2 **They hold grudges and refuse to forgive** – They keep records of wrongs, despite Christ's command to forgive (Matthew 6:14-15).
- 3 **They gossip and slander instead of addressing the issue directly** – Their words spread division rather than healing.
- 4 **They manipulate and control through offense** – Instead of seeking peace, they use offense as a weapon to dominate relationships.
- 5 **They refuse correction and godly counsel** – They resist wise counsel and insist on their own way (Proverbs 15:32).
- 6 **They claim to be righteous but show no fruit of love** – They may quote scripture but their actions reveal bitterness and unforgiveness.
- 7 **They do not display the nature of God** – If someone cannot love and forgive, **they are not of God** (1 John 3:10).

 **Reflection:** Do any of these behaviors describe someone in your life?

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### III. Kingdom Responses to Those Who Reject Reconciliation

📖 **Matthew 10:14** – *“If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.”*

📖 **Romans 12:18** – *“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”*


#### Steps to Take When Peace Is Rejected:

- 1 **Make an honest effort to reconcile** – Initiate peace with love, humility, and a sincere heart.
- 2 **If reconciliation is refused, do not force it** – You **cannot change someone’s heart**, only God can.
- 3 **Forgive them, even if they don’t ask for it** – Forgiveness is for you, not for them (Matthew 6:14-15).
- 4 **Wipe the dust off your feet and move forward** – Do not stay entangled in relationships that keep you in cycles of rejection and pain.
- 5 **Pray for them, but maintain your peace** – Love them from a distance, but do not allow their bitterness to affect your spirit.
- 6 **Set boundaries** – Just because you forgive someone **does not mean you allow them back into your inner circle**.
- 7 **Recognize when to walk away permanently** – Some people are not assigned to your future. **If God is leading you forward, follow Him!**





💡 **Reflection:** Have you been trying to reconcile with someone who refuses peace? Is it time to wipe the dust off and move on?


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## IV. Walking in Love While Moving Forward

 **1 John 4:20** – *“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.”*

Even when people reject reconciliation, **we must still walk in love.**


-  **Love them, but don’t chase them.**
-  **Forgive them, but don’t tolerate disrespect.**
-  **Pray for them, but don’t let their bitterness change your spirit.**
-  **Release them, but keep your peace.**

 **Romans 16:17** – *“I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.”*

 **Reflection:** Are you holding onto relationships that no longer reflect God’s love and peace?

## V. Final Takeaways

- **True love is proven through forgiveness and reconciliation.**
- **Those who reject love and peace are not of God.**
- **You cannot force reconciliation where it is not wanted.**
- **Forgiveness is required, but reconciliation is optional.**
- **When peace is rejected, obey the King and wipe the dust off your feet.**
- **Walk in love, even as you move forward.**

 **Memory Verse:** *“We love because He first loved us.”* – 1 John 4:19

 **Challenge:**

1. Identify relationships where **you have been trying to force reconciliation.**
2. Pray and ask God **if it is time to wipe the dust off your feet and move forward.**
3. Choose to **love and forgive**, but also **set boundaries where needed.**

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This **Faith in God Ministry lesson plan** teaches believers how to recognize, respond to, and move forward from those who reject reconciliation while maintaining **Kingdom love and peace.**