Faith in God Ministry Lesson Plan: The Blueprint for Reconciliation

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Matthew 22:37-40 – "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with
all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the
second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these
two commandments."

Objective:

- To provide a Kingdom-based reconciliation process that aligns with Matthew 22:37-40.
- To outline the three levels of reconciliation: with God, self, and others.
- To teach how reconciliation **begins in the heart, mind, and soul** and extends outward.
- To strengthen relationships **through love**, **forgiveness**, **and restoration**.

I. Reconciliation with God

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 – "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ
and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in
Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of
reconciliation."

Before we can reconcile with ourselves or others, we must first **be reconciled to God** in three areas:

A. Heart – The Center of Your Devotion

Ezekiel 36:26 – "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

- A hardened heart rejects reconciliation, while a heart surrendered to God embraces love and forgiveness.
- True reconciliation requires repentance, humility, and a willingness to obey God's commands.
- **Practical Step:** Pray for God to **purify your heart** and remove any bitterness or unforgiveness.

B. Soul – The Depth of Your Connection to God

Psalm 103:1-2 – "Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name."

- The soul must be **cleansed from past wounds**, **trauma**, **and strongholds** that prevent reconciliation.
- Bitterness, resentment, and emotional wounds must be surrendered to God for healing.
- Practical Step: Spend time in worship and declare healing over your soul.

C. Mind – The Way You Think About God and Others

Romans 12:2 – "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

- A **renewed mind** sees **reconciliation as obedience** rather than an option.
- The enemy uses offense and division to keep people separated—don't fall into his trap!
- Practical Step: Replace negative thoughts about others with the truth of God's Word.

Reflection: Have you fully reconciled with God? Are there areas of bitterness, rebellion, or unforgiveness in your heart?

II. Reconciliation with Self

Mark 12:31 – "The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Before you can effectively reconcile with others, you must first be at peace with yourself.

A. The 7 Keys to Self-Love

- 1 Self-Discovery Know who you are in Christ.
- 2 **Self-Source** Understand that **God is your source** of identity and worth.
- 3 Self-Worth You are valuable because God made you valuable.
- 4 Self-Esteem Reject negative self-talk and embrace God's truth about you.
- 5 **Self-Concept** Align your **thoughts about yourself** with what God says.
- 6 Self-Identity You are a Kingdom citizen, not a product of your past.
- 7 Self-Value Set boundaries and refuse to accept anything less than God's best.

Reflection: Are you holding onto guilt, shame, or insecurities that prevent you from reconciling with others?

III. Reconciliation with Others **Romans 12:18** – "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Once you are reconciled to God and yourself, you can then walk in peace with others. A. Reconciliation Within the Family **Ephesians 4:32** – "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." 1. Spouse Marriage requires ongoing reconciliation through communication, forgiveness, and • Husbands and wives must **choose peace over pride** (Colossians 3:13-14). 2. Children • Parents must lead in **love**, **patience**, **and correction** (Proverbs 22:6). • Children should **honor and forgive their parents** (Ephesians 6:1-3). **B.** Reconciliation with Relatives

1 Timothy 5:8 – "Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

1. Parents

- Even if your parents made mistakes, **God commands honor** (Exodus 20:12).
- Forgiveness **breaks generational cycles** of resentment.

2. Siblings

- Many family feuds **begin between siblings** (Cain & Abel, Jacob & Esau, Joseph & his brothers).
- A humble heart leads to **restoration** (Genesis 50:19-21).

3. Grandparents

Many carry wisdom and experience but may also need forgiveness for past wounds.

• Honor them while they are still here (Proverbs 16:31).								
4. Uncles/Aunts & Cousins								
• Family disagreements should not separate you from love and peace . Reflection: Have you made an effort to reconcile with family members?								
1. Friends								
Proverbs 17:9 – "Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends."								
 True friendship requires grace and forgiveness. Don't let pride destroy years of friendship. 								
2. Neighbors & Community								
Luke 10:27 – "Love your neighbor as yourself."								
• Disputes should not cause lifelong divisions —seek peace when possible.								
3. Professional Acquaintances								
Colossians 3:23 – "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."								
 Workplace conflicts should be handled with wisdom, grace, and professionalism. Refuse to be part of gossip, slander, or division. 								
Reflection: Are there unresolved conflicts in your life that God is calling you to address?								

IV. The Final Steps to Reconciliation

- Matthew 5:23-24 "First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."
- Step 1: Repent to God and ask for guidance.
- Step 2: Examine yourself and remove pride, offense, or bitterness.
- **Step 3:** Take the first step toward reconciliation.
- Step 4: Accept the outcome, whether reconciliation is accepted or rejected.
- Step 5: If reconciliation is refused, forgive and move forward in peace (Matthew 10:14).

Final Takeaways

- Reconciliation begins with God.
- You must reconcile with yourself before reconciling with others.
- Reconciliation is an act of love and obedience.
- You cannot force peace where it is rejected.
- Love and forgive, but move forward with wisdom.

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Challenge: Ask God to reveal any broken relationships that need restoration. **Take action today!**