

Musalahah !

Ministry of Reconciliation

Biblical Principles of Reconciliation

Obstacles to Reconciliation

Model & Stages of Reconciliation

Strategies for Reconciliation



Biblical Principles

- The Nature of God
 - How do we see God?
- Severe Impact of Sin
 - Broken Relationships
- Jesus our Reconciler
 - Love & Justice meet at the Cross



Obstacles to Reconciliation

- Finding a Forum to develop relationships and trust
- Dealing with issues too quickly
- Reconciliation as ignoring reality or maintaining status quo



Challenges in Developing Relationships

- Division between “us” and “them”
- Dehumanization
- Failure to see plurality with the other side
- Suspicion
- Self-fulfilling prophecy
- Moral superiority
- Perceived victimization
- Demonization



Model for Reconciliation

- **Confession**

Stating the truth; acknowledging the unjust or hurtful actions of myself or my people-group toward other people or categories of people.

- **Repentance**

Turning from unloving to loving actions.



Model for Reconciliation

- **Reconciliation**

Expressing and receiving forgiveness and pursuing intimate fellowship with previous enemies.

- **Restitution**

Attempting to restore that which has been damaged or destroyed and seeking justice wherever we have power to act or to influence those in authority to act.

Stages of Reconciliation

Reclaiming Identity

People do

- Take time to examine on identity
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 - Time
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- Believers
- Make int

People feel

- stuck, dis

People react

- Confirmed s
inevitable, w
other

- Caution, hesitation
- Curiosity

Taking Steps

People do

- Address grievances
- Trying to correct wrongdoing
- Confess, forgive
- Take action together
- Learn about one another needs

People feel

- Liberation from guilt, blame
- That issues are being addressed or considered



Strategies for Reconciliation

- Desert Encounters
- Follow-up Projects
- Women's Activities
- Theological Seminars
- Hardship Trips