

Mid Term Discipleship Command L: Reconcile

Look Back:

1-4 Focus the entire look back portion of your time as a church on one person or couple by doing an [Iron on Iron](#) session with them.

Look Up:

5. New Lesson. Study Mt. 5.23-24 and Mt. 18.15-17 using the SWORD Method.

Look Ahead:

6. Practice. Reconciliation has two components: [reconciliation and resolution](#). Reconciliation is about restoring a relationship, resolution is about fixing a problem. Most people try to fix the problem without restoring hurt relationships. See this [comedic example](#) of what happens when we try to do this.

	Seeking to Understand and ask for Forgiveness	Seeking to be Understood and Forgive
Reconciliation	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><u>Do not defend yourself here!</u></i></p> <p>(If Mt. 5:23-24–Start Here) “So when I (did/said x) I imagine you felt (emotion) because it seems like.... Is that right, do you think I understand?”</p> <p>“I’m sorry I made you feel (emotion). It grieves me that I hurt you when I (said/did x). Will you please forgive me?”</p> <p>Is there anything else, that made you feel hurt related to this?</p>	<p>(If Mt. 18:15-17–Start here) “When you (did/said x) I felt (emotion) because it seems like...”</p> <p>“Yes” or “No it is more like...” (If Yes move on. If no, explain the hurt again)</p> <p>“Yes, I forgive you.</p> <p>“Yes” (start again at the top) “No, are you feeling hurt related to this?”</p> <p>*switch roles and repeat if necessary*</p>
Resolution	<p>As a team, try to identify the real problem that needs to be solved and come up with an agreed upon solution. If you really get stuck seek your mentors or elders to help you.</p> <p>Two main marks that there is true reconciliation and resolution is that you 1) solve the problem as a team and 2) are able to pray together and thank God when finished.</p>	

Practice using the reconciliation script (above) on the imaginary problem below. Remember Jesus commands that we reconcile whether we are the offender or the offended (Mat 5.23-24, Mat 18.15-17).

Kumar and Latavius have been in a committed NPL church together for six months. Kumar has a friend, Mo, that he has known for many years through work. Mo is a non-Christian and does not attend any church.

Two weeks ago, Kumar introduced Mo to Latavius at a diner. Latavius shared the gospel with Mo and began a friendship with him. Last week, Latavius led Mo to Christ, baptized him, and invited him to his new church start. Mo attended for the first time this week.

Kumar thinks its completely unfair that he’s been loving Mo for years and then Latavius led him to Christ and started discipling him. He thinks he should disciple Mo because they work together and he’s hurt that Latavius would invite him to his church. Latavius thinks that he should disciple Mo because he led him to Christ. Kumar asked Latavius to meet after church today to resolve the issue.

7. Goal Setting and Prayer. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit how to respond.

- Following: If you have forgiven everyone in your life are there any relationships which are not completely reconciled? Who do you need to reach out to today to reconcile with?
- Fishing: Jesus Christ came to reconcile the world to himself (2 Cor 5.18). How should you share the gospel this week to help people receive forgiveness and reconciliation with God?