

enCOURAGE Reconciliation

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Questions: How much conversation have you had about the Residential School history in Canada? What aspects have you touched on? Who have you had these conversations with?

Reconciliation is “restoring good will in relations that have been disrupted ...”

“From Truth to Reconciliation”
Aboriginal Healing Foundation

Question: How would you define “reconciliation”?

Reconciliation is a term used in the relationship humans have with God.

Question: Some civilizations believe reconciliation between humanity and God is impossible. Others believe it is up to humanity to initiate. What do these two ideas look like in our world in 2021?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Question: What truths from these verses distinguish the Christian idea of reconciliation between God and humanity?

If you have been the beneficiary of reconciliation with God Himself, it is inconsistent to withhold or not be supportive of reconciliation with anyone other human being.

“Reconciliation is an ongoing individual and collective process, and will require commitment from all those affected including First Nations, Inuit and Metis former Indian Residential School (IRS) students, their families, communities, religious entities, former school employees, government and the people of Canada. Reconciliation may occur between any of the above groups.”

Schedule “N” Mandate for the
Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Question: How does this mandate reflect God’s heart?

Moving forward in the process of reconciliation:

Listen • Learn • Believe

Questions: Where are you at in the process of reconciliation? What areas of prejudice and racism have you recognized in your life? What does taking a step forward in this process look like in your life? How will you courageously commit to it?

Prayer points:

1. Healing for survivors and the ongoing trauma.
2. Healing for broken relationships.
3. Emerging young indigenous leaders.
4. Establishing new life-giving disciple-making communities.

**The National Residential School Crisis Line
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Resources

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation:

<https://nctr.ca/>

“21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act: Helping Canadians Make Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a Reality” by Bob Joseph

https://www.amazon.ca/dp/0995266522/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_5XMYKC63WN5N0E80AVWV

4 day YouVersion devotional “Beyond Colorblind”

<https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/13045>

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