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> Bible Study Outline 11:00 AM

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Subject: "The Ministry of Reconciliation"

<u>Introduction</u>: According to the Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible, "reconciliation is the Restoration of friendly relationships and of peace where before there had been hostility and alienation. Ordinarily it also includes the removal of the offense which caused the disruption of peace and harmony. This was especially so in the relation of God with humanity, when Christ removed the enmity existing between God and mankind by his vicarious sacrifice.

In Matthew 5:21-26, Jesus elucidates the importance of the ministry of reconciliation. As we move toward the Lent season, every believer should participate in the ministry of reconciliation as we seek a closer walk with Jesus.

Scriptures: Matthew 5:21-26

<u>Points to Ponder</u>: The Ministry of Reconciliation encourages us to consider:

The Dynamics of Anger.

•	The Value of Initiating a Truce.
•	The Importance of Time.
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Bible Study Motto/Creed

"Bible Readers MAKE Bible Believers. Bible Believers MAKE Strong Christians.

Strong Christians MAKE a Strong Church. A Strong Church MAKES a better city, state, and world."