The Ministry of Reconciliation

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- 1. We listen for God's call. Works of God are initiated by God.
- 2. Reconciliation is about <u>dismantling spiritual strongholds</u>. Enlist intercessors.
- 3. Reconciliation is about changing the effects of the past on the present/future.
- 4. Reconciliation requires a <u>Biblical understanding of forgiveness</u>.
 - 1. Forgiveness never denies the truth. Truth must be brought to the light.
 - 2. Forgiveness <u>never denies or minimizes the wrong</u>.
 - 3. Forgiveness recognizes that to judge is not my role. God alone is Judge.
 - 4. Forgiveness is my choice. I choose to become a different kind of person.
 - 5. Forgiveness transforms me from a victim into a (wounded) healer.
- 5. We <u>invite Jesus into the situation</u>. The king brings the kingdom with him.
- 6. Stories: We listen well to the stories of others. When invited, we tell our stories.
- 7. We are content with insignificant beginnings. This may take time—years.
- 8. We honor existing authorities. To honor is a foundational component of love.