## MAKING IT RIGHT: THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- I. INTRODUCTION (2 Cor. 5:17-21)
  - A. Definition of reconciliation: Reconcile is to cause to coexist in harmony; make or show to be compatible. Make one <u>account</u> consistent with another, especially by allowing for transactions begun but not yet completed.
  - B. Central concept: Our goal as believers is to be models of <u>reconciliation</u>, in our relationship with God through Christ and in our relationship with others as we invite them and make it easier for them to reconcile. This includes reconciliation between <u>ourselves</u> and God!

- II. Let's use the example of Samuel and the Israelites after they asked for a king (1 Samuel 12:20-25) to highlight some areas to focus.
  - A. <u>Presence</u> He told them to worship the Lord with all their heart and not go back to worshipping idols. He told them to fear the Lord.
  - B. <u>Prayer</u> He told them that he would intercede.
  - C. <u>Principles</u>. He told them they were wrong and that he would continue to teach them what was good and right.