

**The Ministry of Reconciliation**  
***Our Ministry & Our Message***  
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**The Original Twelve Disciples—a Picture of the Coming Body of Christ...**

These guys were the most unlikely group to ever succeed! –Just like us! 😊

Jesus' original motley crew of Disciples was a visual preview of what the Church, his Body of Believers, would look like—vastly different people, once separated by animosity, now united by love with a common purpose and a clear message to the world:

Be reconciled to God, be reconciled to each other!

**GOD's Story— The Ministry of Reconciliation: *Our Ministry & Our Message***  
**2 Corinthians 5:14—6:2**

Personal Stories of Reconciliation to God and to Others:

- Adam Ponter
- Randy Babela
- Ron & Jeannie Seck

**Reconciliation is both our Ministry (what we do) and Our Message (what we say).**  
**1 Peter 3:8-18a**

Are you reconciled to God?

Are you working to be reconciled to others?

Are you overcoming insult and evil with blessing?

**Big Idea:**

The vastly diverse Body of Christ, having been mysteriously reconciled to God and to each other, is God's plan to reveal his wisdom to the world. That's us! We are his plan!

**Right On!**

(NT Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:7-11)