



SERMON GUIDES

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Indivisible: Disagree Politically Love Unconditionally | WEEK #3

01.

INTRODUCTION

How can we love unconditionally people with whom we disagree? Is there a way for Christians to live in the world that unites instead of divides?

02.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Phillipians 4:1-9.

Disagreement among Christians is not something new. Here in Phillipians, Paul addressed a conflict in church at Philippi. This church was known for their love and even they needed the reminder to have the same mind in the Lord. (v.2)

- According to verses 4-9, what are the actions Christians should be doing? In other words, what are the actions verbs?
- What does it mean to rejoice always?
- These verses focus on gratitude, prayer, and training our mind to see and meditate on true and excellent things. How do these habits help foster unity?
- Can you share a time when you had a conflict with someone but through prayer you gained resolution?

Paul urges Euodia and Syntyche to be of the same mind as Christ.

Read Phillipans 2: 1-11. According to these verses describe the mind of Christ?

Gordon urged us to see people through Jesus' eyes. Looking at people and knowing they are Chosen, Holy, and Beloved.

Read Colossians 3:1-4.

- What is it that makes us Chosen, Holy, and beloved?
- What gets in the way of seeing people as Chosen, Holy, and Beloved?



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Read Colossians 3:12-14.

- Describe what it means to see others (and ourselves) as Chosen, Holy, and Beloved.
- Think of one person you can begin to see as Chosen, Holy, and Beloved this week. Share some ways you can show them love.

Gordon quoted Augustine saying, "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity." In the historic Christians' faith, we have a wide tent, where Jesus is the center pole of the tent. The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, are the unifying statements on which we all agree. Look one of them up and read it together.



NEXT STEPS

Know that you are Chosen, Holy and Beloved.

Know that others are Chosen, Holy, and Beloved.