

Think It Over: This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

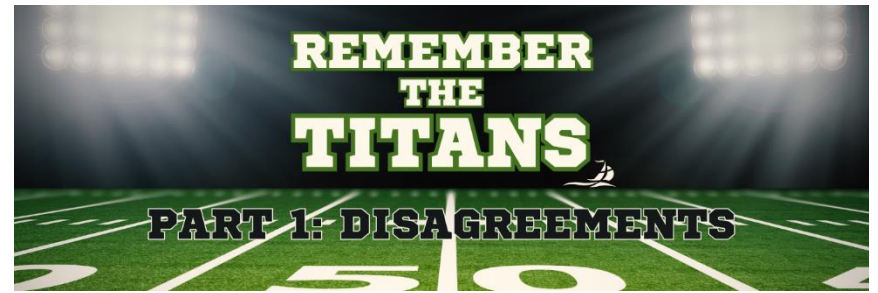
- What are some of the simple disagreements that can just go too far? What do you do with them when they have gone too far? How do you know when they have crossed the line into a spirit of division becoming disagreeable? How can you, in a healthy way, avoid letting disagreements going too far? How do you come back from a difference that has become disagreeable?
- Read Philippians 2:1-4. What is the motivation for unity in spite of your differences? Does that motivate you toward unity? Explain how your interests and the interests of others are to be worked out. Reflect on how you will plug the principles from Philippians 2:1-4 into your next obstacle to unity in your family and church.
- Read Philippians 2:5-11. How does Jesus rally around His purpose even when He knew it would cost Him? Describe humility and then explain how you demonstrate it. Think of an instance when you could possibly be more humble.
- Read Matthew 20:18-20. What commission did Jesus give us? How should this be reflected in every follower of Christ? What is so encouraging about the last thought in verse 20? How will you express the Great Commission in your life so that it doesn't become the Great Omission in your life? How does SCC's Mission and Vision reflect the Great Commission and also the Great Commandment (see Matthew 22:36-40)?
- Review the ➡ *Disagreements can distract* section. How have you experience each one of these four areas as a distraction? Which one or ones can you get tangled up in easily? How do you guard your heart from these four possible distractions so that SCC's mission and vision doesn't become a lost focus?
- Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. Is Paul being wishy washy? Explain your answer. How can you follow His example in a real tangible way?
- Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17. Could this be a description of your life? Explain your answer. How do you guard against this?

Next Steps: What steps do you need to personally take so disagreements don't define SCC as silly, but as serious? How would your friends outside of church define the disagreements they are aware of? What needs to grow in your life so others see the seriousness of the bottom line?

Changing Your Mind: Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.



If you missed a message, visit www.scc.website or request a CD at Guest Services.



¹⁰I urge you, my brothers and sisters, for the sake of the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to agree to live in unity with one another and put to rest any division that attempts to tear you apart. Be restored as one united body living in perfect harmony. Form a consistent choreography among yourselves, having a common perspective with shared values.

1 Corinthians 1:10 TPT

➡ Disagreements can _____.

The word "division" literally means _____ or _____.

¹⁰...Dear brothers, I beg you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to stop arguing among yourselves. Let there be real harmony so that there won't be splits in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. You must get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common.

1 Corinthians 1:10 LB MSG

➡ Disagreements will _____.

¹¹My dear brothers and sisters, I have a serious concern I need to bring up with you, for I have been informed by those of Chloe's house church that you have been destructively arguing among yourselves.

1 Corinthians 1:11 TPT

- It is all about _____.
- It is all about _____.
- It is all about _____, not _____.
- It is all about my _____.

➤ Or it can declare it's all about _____!

23 I will be in them, and you will be in me. So they will be completely one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you loved them just as you loved me.
John 17:23 ERV

Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever...
Hebrews 12:2 MSG

Our Mission: We exist to make a _____ in people's lives, wherever they are, by _____ them into a growing _____ with God through Christ.

_____ and _____ **Jesus** ~ _____

Our Vision: We _____ to become a _____ church that has an undeniable cultural _____ on the Finger Lakes by _____ up Jesus Christ, _____ God's Word and making disciples who _____ and _____ like Jesus.

➤ Disagreements can _____.

12 I'll tell you exactly what I was told: You're all picking sides, going around saying, "I'm on Paul's side," or "I'm for Apollos," or "Peter is my man," or "I belong only to Christ"
1 Corinthians 1:12 MSG, TPT

➤ _____ Distinction (1 Corinthians 9:19-23 NIV)

19 Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people:
1 Corinthians 9:19 MSG

➤ _____ Distinction

24 A man named Apollos came to Ephesus. He was a Jew, born in Alexandria, Egypt, and a terrific speaker, eloquent [cultured] and powerful in his preaching of the Scriptures.
Acts 18:24 MSG

➤ _____ Distinction

11 When Peter came to Antioch, he did something that was not right. I stood against him, because he was wrong.
Galatians 2:11 ERV

➤ _____ Distinction

13 There is a generation rising that is so filled with pride they think they are superior and look down on others. 14 There is a generation rising that uses their words like swords to cut and slash those who are different...
Proverbs 30:13-14 TPT

➤ Disagreements will _____. (1 Corinthians 1:13-17 NIV)

➤ Are we _____?

➤ Are we _____ (_____ - _____)?

17 God didn't send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what he has done, collecting a following for him. And he didn't send me to do it with a lot of fancy rhetoric of my own, lest the powerful action at the center—Christ on the Cross—be trivialized into mere words.
1 Corinthians 1:17 MSG

Bottom Line:

_____ to _____ doesn't
have to become _____.

_____ on a Christ-centered _____ and _____
keeps _____ from _____ a church's
(local Christ followers) _____ movement.

I did all this _____ of the _____ [Good News].

I didn't just want to _____ about it; I wanted to _____!

1 Corinthians 9:23 MSG

To help you turn what God is saying to you into action steps, consider using the Think It Over section on the back.