

**PART 3: Common Ground**

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## START

We all have church experiences. We have had great church experiences, ok church experiences, and bad church experiences. The experiences we have had in church often shape how we interact with the church, God, and others.

- Share a great church experience that you have had.
- Share a bad church experience you have had.
- How has a church experience been an obstacle for you or someone you know?

## READ

[Acts 17:27 \(NIV\)](#)

“Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

## THINK

During any debate we have a desire to win, which means someone loses. Jesus and Paul modeled debates much differently than the world teaches us. They found common ground, focused on the other’s perspective, and found a common point.

- How do you seek to find common ground with someone who disagrees with you?
- How does focusing on the other person’s perspective show love for the person?
- What common points can you find with those you disagree with?

The way we choose to interact with people we disagree can shape how they view Jesus and the church. All our interactions and conversations should strive to point people to Jesus and not away from Jesus.

- How can you continue to focus on others and not yourself?
- What would it look like to meet people that are far from Jesus where they are at?
- How can we as a church continue to find common ground in our communities?

## PRAY

Ask God to reveal the common ground between you and those you disagree with. Ask Him to give you the love for them to focus on their perspective, and to focus on a common point.

## ACT

This week, intentionally have a conversation with someone you normally disagree with. Instead of trying to win, fight for common ground, focus on their perspective, and find a common point to discuss. Point them to Jesus in your conversation.

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