



## Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

4/14/2024

**MESSAGE:** I Disagree

**WEEK# 2**

**SERIES:** Mindsets

**COMMUNICATOR:** Pastor Kevin Geer

**CHECKIN' IN:** How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

**THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE:** These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. Which one do you like better: Coke or Pepsi? Beach or mountains? Fish or steak? Summer or winter? Cake or pie? A good book or a good movie? Classical or rock music? Did your group all have the same answers or were there some differences? Was anyone very passionate about one or more of their answers?
2. Read Matthew 6:33 again from last week: Did you find yourself being confronted with the need to have a Kingdom mindset this week? What was the situation? What did you learn from the situation? Do you have a better understanding of what a kingdom mindset is since last week?
3. What is one topic (that you are very passionate about), you would have a difficult time having a civil and productive conversation about? Sports, religion, politics, money, parenting, a moral topic, something else? Why do you think this is such a hot button for you?
4. James 1:19-20 provides us with a tool of how to respond to others in a conversation especially when we are quite passionate about the topic. What is the tool James provides? What is one way you can use this tool in the future? Why are we challenged to not get angry when we have conversations with others?
5. Read Matthew 5:43-44 and Luke 6:32. What is Jesus saying? Which command is easiest to do and which one is the most challenging? What are some reasons why we should love our enemies? How would you define an enemy? As you were reading those verses, did someone come to mind? How will you love them this week?
6. In John 13:34-35 Jesus commands us to love others as He loves us. Describe what you think it looks like to see other people through the eyes of Jesus? Why do you think it is harder for us to love those who have different views or lifestyles from us?
7. Ask more questions! How can asking more questions show others you are interested in their point of view? Why should we ask more questions than giving answers? In a conversation, is it more important for you to be "right" or to listen to someone's point of view? Do you find yourself acting more in a posture of pride or humility when you have an important or differing conversation?
8. Philippians 2:1-5 provide us some characteristics of a kingdom mindset. In your life right now, which one would you say is most important and why?



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9. Which one do you struggle with the most? What change could you make going forward? What is one key point in these verses that will help you in your relationships with others?
  10. Read Philippians 1:9-10. What do you see is Paul's end goal for the Philippian church? Why are these verses so powerful and encouraging in relationships? What is one key phrase that the Holy Spirit is pinging you about doing? How will you specifically apply these verses in your life?
  11. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.
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**2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE:** We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to [canvas.church/experience-god](https://canvas.church/experience-god) or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.

### INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

**Challenge yourself and or your group to pray out loud. It may just be a sentence or two of something you thank God for, or ask God to bless and answer someone's prayer request.**

1. We pray because we believe God can and will answer our prayers.
  2. We pray for each other out of obedience to God and out of love for each other.
  3. We pray out loud for each other so everyone will be blessed and encouraged.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
  - **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
  - **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
  - **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
  - **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
  - **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

**Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email [rickz@canvas.church](mailto:rickz@canvas.church)**



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