



When Love Disagrees: Sharing Truth Through Tears

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: *John 14:15, John 8:31-32, Psalm 139:23-24, 1 Peter 3:15*

1. What do these verses say about knowing, obeying, and sharing God’s truth?

Take some time to look up and read: *Ephesians 4:15, Philippians 3:18*

2. What do these verses say about how to confront others with truth?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. Share some specific examples and stories of how Jesus shared truth with love – winning hearts, not arguments.
4. Where do you feel a specific burden (“disagreeing through tears”) to bring challenge with truth and love?
5. What keeps Christians quiet and disengaged when it comes to speaking the truth in love?
6. When should we take a risk to share truth in love?

Take a risk...when we see someone living out of alignment with God’s plan, when we can share God’s truth with personal integrity, and when God has given us opportunity, then we should risk disagreement for the Gospel’s sake...

- Talk about this question and answer.
7. What coaching, encouragement, and challenge would you give to someone stepping into disagreement and confrontation?

Surrender: *Responding to God’s voice.*

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)