



WE'RE NOT ANIMALS

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Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

Message Recap: Our culture has been divided by two major political parties, one choosing the compassion of Jesus and the other choosing His convictions. But we must choose JESUS - both His compassion and His conviction.

» Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: If you could learn one new personal skill, what would it be?
- Digging Deeper: How do you prepare for a difficult conversation?

» Observation | Read Romans 12:1-2; Luke 10:25-37; Galatians 5:19-26

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Don't edit Jesus, let Him edit you.

(12 minutes)

- How do you see people trying to edit Jesus? Why is this dangerous?
- How can we allow Jesus to speak for Himself?

» Learn | Reference Romans 12:1-2

(12 minutes)

- What are some ways that you have settled for a shallow version of learning or a one-sided view of conversations? How can you change that?
- How do you engage critical thinking when you are learning something new?

» Listen | Reference Luke 10:25-37

(12 minutes)

- Who are your 'neighbors' right now? Jesus widened the definition of that for those we should care for. How is He widening your definition? How can you "love your neighbor as yourself" this week?

» Lean In | Reference Galatians 5:19-26

(12 minutes)

- We cannot have a productive and safe, honoring and loving conversation with someone WITHOUT the Fruits of the Spirit. How can you engage the Fruits of the Spirit in your difficult conversations? Which fruit is the most difficult for you to cultivate?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Will you let yourself worship a Jesus you can't edit and a Jesus who edits you?
- Close by praying for each other to learn, listen, and lean into the difficult conversations and moments.