



Talk It Over Guide Talking Points – Week 3



⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection,^[a] and take delight in honoring each other.
Romans 12:9-10

Start Talking:

- When you're with family, do you discuss politics or avoid it? Would you like to change one way or the other? Why?

Start Sharing

- How would you explain the following phrase in your own words: *"We judge our actions by our intentions. We judge others intentions by their actions."*
How does that tendency effect conversations between people who disagree politically?
- Many times our cultural contexts determine our political perspectives. As Rufus Miles said, "Where you stand depends on where you sit." How does that thought resonate with you? Do you really feel you would think different politically if you had a different set of past and current experiences?
- *"Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions"* (Proverbs 18:2). In conversations with people who disagree with you, is it easy for you to listen or do you feel the need to air your own opinion? Describe the feelings you experience when you listen to someone say something you strongly disagree with.

Read – Romans 12:9-21

- What stands out to you?
- How would you rate yourself in trying to empathize and understand someone else's mindset?
- You can't cover the gap between "pretend to love" and "really love" (v.9) by your own strength. Paul isn't saying "fake it 'till you make it" he is saying "genuinely love people from the bottom of your heart." How do your prayers need to change in order to love people that you normally wouldn't love?

Start Doing:

- Which of the following do you need God's help with this week?
 - **Listen** to people who don't think like you.
 - **Learn** from others by being a student instead of a critic.
 - **Love** people more than you love politics.

Don't let the conversation stop. Keep talking it over with others in a GROUP.
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