

## STUDY GUIDE: “Civil Disagreement”

### Discussion Starters

1. Name two things about which you find yourself frequently disagreeing with people.
2. On a scale of 1-10 (low to high), how comfortable are you in vocally disagreeing with people?

### Study

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. How would you go about studying to discover what the Bible says about how to handle disagreements with others? Follow those lines of discovery and record what you find BEFORE you complete the following.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

--“if possible” (Romans 12:18)—

--“be at peace” (Romans 12:18)— (NOTE: For advanced study, pay attention to the grammatical construction)

--“hurt” (Romans 14:15)—

--“destroy” (Romans 14:15)—

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5. What does it mean to disagree “civilly”? Describe the difference between this and disagreeing “uncivilly”.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Why should Christians be concerned about disagreeing “civilly” with others?

**Taking It Home**

7. What is the relationship between disagreeing civilly and being an ambassador? How does this work (or not work) in your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Who are you currently disagreeing with in a positive and civil way? What about that relationship makes it work this way?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Who are you currently disagreeing with in a way that is not civil? What is the difference between this and those in question 8? What can you do to improve this (do not look to what the other can do!)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Where do you go from here as a result of this study to achieve your change of heart?