

DISCUSSION GUIDE

WE ARE WITNESSES: Acts, Part Eight

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1. Have you ever had a disagreement with a Christian friend that was so severe it altered your friendship with that person?

How have you been able to move on from the relationship?

2. Read Ephesians 4:1-3 and Colossians 3:12-14. Both of these letters were written by the apostle Paul, who did not agree with Barnabas about taking John Mark along on a missionary journey a dozen or so years before he wrote these letters. What do the verses suggest about Paul?

Do these verses imply that disagreements shouldn't happen?

Why are we surprised when they do?

3. When you disagree with someone, what's your typical fallback way to handle it? Complain to someone else, try to steamroll over their opinion or convince them that your way is superior? Judge them for thinking differently than you do?

Do any of the above choices work to resolve anything?

4. Read Proverbs 15:1 and 15:18. What do these verses tell us about the way to resolve conflict and disagreements?

What's the difference between disagreements and dissension?

5. Read Romans 12:18. What does this verse have to do with disagreement?

Is it always possible to live at peace with someone?

TAKEAWAY: Healing from conflict and disagreement is possible through time, kindness and forgiveness.