

Media



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✔ Our Struggles

Show the *Bible Background Video* followed by the “Flag Decal” and/or “When the Stones Fall” music clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- How do these songs reflect some of what Paul was experiencing in this passage?
- In what ways do you feel your congregation struggles with the rest of your community and why?
- How have such struggles shaped your church's heritage and standing in your region?
- In what ways does your church usually struggle internally and why?
- When have such conflicts shaped your congregation and made it what it is now, for good or ill?
- How do you explain inter and intra church conflict to people whose only experience of faith is what they see in your congregation?
- At what points do you think it's important for a church to fight, and at what times should it back down and why?

✔ React to This

Play the “Freddie Please” and/or “Happy Song” songs, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

- In what ways are these songs a more personal expression of the previous discussion?
- We all know that people will argue whenever they come together in groups, but what is your usual reaction to seeing people argue in the church?
- When your congregation is taking on someone or some issue outside the church, how do you typically respond to that and why?
- What are some topics where your faith is going to lead you to get pretty worked up, whether the rest of your congregation is willing to go along with you or not?

- If you had to pick one great social issue in which your church should be involved today, what would it be and how should it be involved?
- How do you feel, and why, when you hear someone say that we no longer hear about Christianity being united behind any great social causes anymore?

✔ Close

Invite volunteers to name a great cause that they think Christians should be pursuing more than they are. Close with a prayer that people can better follow their consciences as they work together to share the Gospel.

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