



Christ is
my hope

Course Schedule

Forum 101

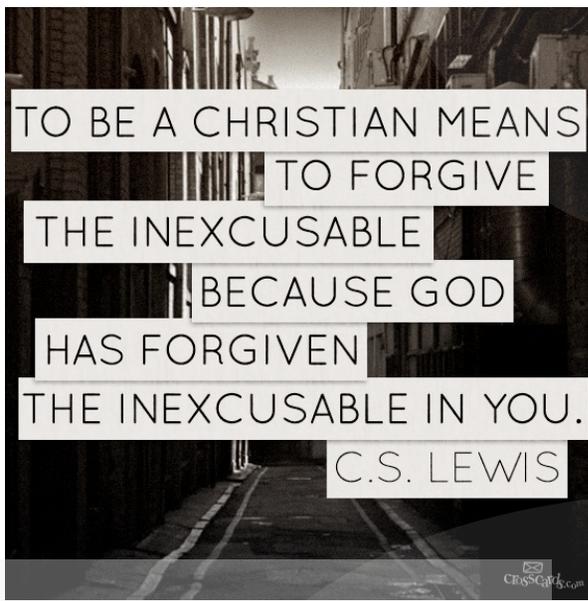
September 8 @ 3pm Week 1: What does it mean to agree?
September 22 @ 3pm Week 2: What does it mean to disagree?
October 13 @ 3pm Week 3: Trusting what is said.
October 27 @ 3pm Week 4: Trusting what is heard.

Forum 102

November 10 @ 3pm Week 1: Paying attention to our Filters.
November 24 @ 3pm Week 2: People are different than Computers
December 8 & 22 @ 3pm Weeks 3 & 4: Rehearsing with actual issues.

Forum 103

January 12 @ 3pm Week 1: Why forgiveness is hard.
January 26 @ 3pm Week 2: Why confession is hard.
February 9 @ 3pm Week 3: Wielding our power to heal.
February 23 & March 9 @ 3pm Weeks 4 & 5: Practicing what we preach.



TO BE A CHRISTIAN MEANS
TO FORGIVE
THE INEXCUSABLE
BECAUSE GOD
HAS FORGIVEN
THE INEXCUSABLE IN YOU.
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Faithful Disagreement:

*Building Durable Relationships
with God & Each Other*

A Course in Three Parts
moderated by Tom Gamble & David Ealy

A Safe Place to Practice

James 5:13-16

If any of you are suffering, they should pray. If any of you are happy, they should sing. If any of you are sick, they should call for the elders of the church, and the elders should pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. Prayer that comes from faith will heal the sick, for the Lord will restore them to health. And if they have sinned, they will be forgiven. For this reason, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve.

There are two problems that immediately emerge when trying apply James' advice: do we trust each other enough to really confess and do we trust God enough that we really can heal each other?

The two overarching goals for this course would be to learn skills as a community for building trust and practicing those skill in order to make healing possible.

The approach to doing this is to use several sources for reference: the Bible, *Strength to Love* (by Martin Luther King, Jr.), *Faithful Disagreement* (by Frances Taylor Gench), as well as online sources as appropriate for

current information on events, issues and techniques.

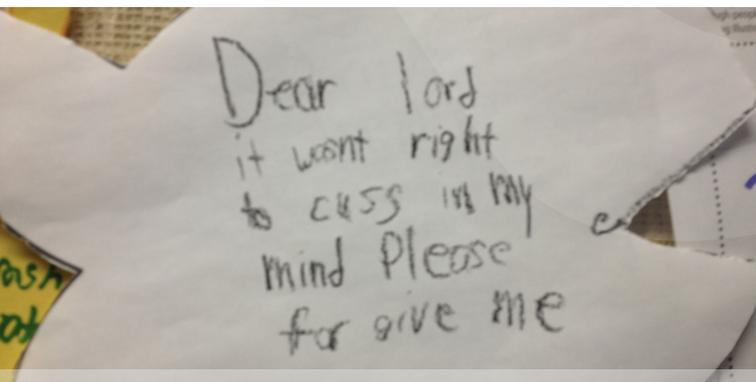
Forum 101 is an introduction and rehearsal of communication skills, with particular attention paid to "active listening". Ground rules for good communication are established and role playing is enjoined to allow a safe space for reflection and experimentation.

Forum 102 is where "issues" are introduced in order to practice communication skills and Jesus' admonition in Matthew 7:1 against being judgmental. Particular attention is paid to the power of language and the culture of words.

Forum 103 involves learning the skill of both giving and receiving confessions with particular attention paid to our role in the *healing* process.

In all, these are courses that transpire over several weeks a piece. Because of that, the need to train facilitators will grow as participants grow.

The idea for the beginning of this class is for the Pastor to facilitate a group with an eye for participants with the skills to train and facilitate others. The forums are meant to be a safe place to practice, meaning confidentiality is one of our unbreakable rules. When completed, participants will have a concrete handle on the practical benefits of James' advice.



Can Siblings
be Siblings
and be in conflict?

On Christian Community
from *Strength to Love*, page 50

Let us be practical and ask the question, How do we love our enemies? First, we must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love...Forgiveness does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains a barrier to the relationship.