



**When Convictions Collide**  
Small Group Questions  
Week of August 24, 2025

**Icebreaker:** When do you feel most connected to God? Is it out in nature? Is it singing? Is it in solitude? Studying? Serving? Protecting?

Be sure to take notice of your fellow small group members' answers. You're learning a bit of their story!

**Optional Opening Activity:** Have everyone take the [Sacred Pathways Assessment](#) to find out all the different ways you connect with God. Compare and celebrate one another's results.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you think gets in the way of having authentic relationships? List a few examples. How might you get past these roadblocks? What is within your control, and what is outside of your control?

2. Read **Romans 14:1-6 and 13-19** aloud together. What are some areas of dispute between the "weak" and the "strong" in verses 1-6?

What types of behavior do Christians disagree about today?

Why is it wrong to pass judgement on other Christians? Notice Paul has a conviction (read v. 14) but chose to respect others with opposing views. Where can you practically apply this principle?

3. Read **Romans 12:3-16** aloud together. What gift(s) do you think God has given you? How can you use it (them) to benefit the body of Christ? Do you notice that using your gifts makes you feel more connected to God?

How would the kind of love Paul describes in verses 9-16 transform our relationships with other Christians and non-Christians alike?

4. If you were creating a Sunday worship service, how might you implement certain elements with the goal of being inclusive to all the ways people connect with God? What is missing in Centerpoint's current services? Are you willing to lovingly share your thoughts with a pastor or an elder?

5. Jesus had a place he went to meet with the Father - the Garden of Gethsemane held a special place in the life of our Savior. Where do you meet with God (this can be a literal or figurative place)? What do you do when you are there? How does God charge your batteries and strengthen your soul when you meet with him in this place?

**Pray:** Take time to pray together. Thank God for the unique and beautiful way He has made each person in your group. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you seek to discover new and dynamic ways to connect with God and others.