



Discussion
Gu'de

“THE ROT IN DIVISION”
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WHEN WE ALLOW DIVISION IN OUR LIVES,
IT ROTS OUR ABILITY TO BE THE CHURCH

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- We're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section briefly to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
When We Allow Division in Our Lives,
It Rots Our Ability to Be the Church
- This Week's Object Lesson:
cutting down trees
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: Galatians 5:[19] 20
The result of sin's control in our lives is clear. ...It stirs up trouble. It separates people into their own little groups. (v. 20, NIRV)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Do you have a funny tree chopping/bush trimming/plant pruning/weed whacking story to tell? What happened?
- Have you personally seen division pull apart churches or groups? Without sharing names, how did it start? What happened?
- *How* does division in our lives rot our ability to be the church?
- An attitude of division is so subtle that we usually don't notice it until the damage is done. We're doing things a bit differently this week: **Have EVERYONE open, then someone read each passage.** Then describe the attitude of division you see in each verse/group of verses. **Discuss for each:** What's the issue? What might this look like in the church today? [You may want to write these down for later*]
 - Ephesians 4:29-32 Describe the attitude of division.
 - Philippians 2:14-15; Heb. 13:17 Describe the attitude of division.
 - 1 Cor. 12:20-27; Ephesians 4:2-7 Describe the attitude of division.
 - 1 Tim. 4:12; Leviticus 19:23; Psalm 71:18 Describe the attitude.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 Describe the attitude of division.
 - John 13:34-35 Describe the attitude of division.
- Read Galatians 5:24-25. To deal with *rotten* sin in our lives we:
 - *Admit It:* *From the division attitudes above, choose one that is your biggest temptation, then share how that looks in your life.
 - *Kill It:* Read Hebrews 12:14-15. This isn't as simple as just knowing—we need to *kill* division by digging up the root before it can grow. **What are some general, practical ways that we can do this? What would this look like in the situation you shared above?**
 - *Leave It:* Read Matthew 5:23-24. To conquer this sin our lives, we need to leave it behind by following the Holy Spirit's leading. **What in this passage is different from how "the world" handles division? How can you respond like this to the attitude you shared above?**

Green Questions: Have a few people answer these, then **GO!** to the next question

Red Questions: **STOP!** on these and **take time** to have many people discuss