

Eagle's Landing Students



Our students worked hard during last month's Serve the City event.

AVOIDING SEASON'S DISAGREEMENTS



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Wednesday Thrive

Wednesday Activities 6:30PM - 7:45PM
(Open Gym will be at 6:00PM)

Hollywood Night



Sunday Lifegroups

Meet in the Link at 9:45AM before breaking into classes for each grade/gender.

HAPPENINGS

Dig Deeper Resources

ARTICLES

[6 Lessons In Good Listening](#)
([DesireingGod.org](#)).

[How Setting Boundaries Can Save Your Relationship](#) ([Seattle Christian Counseling](#)).

[Ten Commandments for Difficult Conversations](#) ([Christianity 9 to 5](#)).
{This article is also available as an [illustrated video](#).}

[How to Disagree with Family without Destroying Relationships](#) ([Crosswalk](#)).

RESOURCE COLLECTION

[Boundaries by Dr Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend](#)
[Website includes blog, articles, quizzes, book lists, and other free resources.](#)

PODCASTS

[How should I handle disagreements as a Christian?](#) ([Proverbs 31 Ministries](#)).

GET MORE HELP

If you have recurring difficulties with family or other relationships, consider getting more specific, professional help.

Need links? Check your email for the digital version of this newsletter.

Avoiding Season's Disagreements

Ecclesiastes tells us there is nothing new under the sun and generations seeing the world differently than each other is not the exception.

The holiday months are filled with gatherings: family, friends, coworkers. As different ages, experiences, and opinions gather in the same room, the atmosphere runs the risk of becoming hostile or at least uncomfortable.

It's one thing to handle the sometimes delicate balance for a few hours, but what do we do when those disagreements enter our extended families or even our homes? You probably hold different views than your parents and your children may see things differently than you.

How can you maintain - or even deepen - relationships with those who disagree with you?

Love People. This idea is part of the great commission and it means we must remember our theological, political, and social views are not more important than the people around us. How we express our views effects our

relationships with everyone who hears them - not only the person we said them to. Take this into consideration when choosing the time, place, and method of certain conversations.

Listen to understand, not reply.

When we prepare our return statement while someone else is talking, we lay the groundwork for an argument instead of a discussion. Is everyone defining words the same way? Is it possible you have the same concerns but see different solutions? Does the other person have a perspective you've never considered? Slowing down the conversation and listening can deepen the relationship even if disagreements remain.

Set boundaries. Some topics are too intimate for certain relationships. Some relationships can't discuss certain items without denigrating into an argument. In these cases set clear boundaries that everyone knows *and enforce them*. Call each other out.

Above all, pray. Align your heart with God's and remember it's hard to hate someone if you're praying for them.

Family Fun Feature

If you are looking for a way to keep your family focused on Jesus, consider celebrating the observation of Advent.

Some ideas to try:

- Daily family devotions
- Candles / Wreath
- Advent calendars
- Crafts/cooking sessions as a family
- Jesse tree/decorations

[See our article on Advent in last December's newsletter.](#)



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Upcoming Events

Nov 7 - Daylight Saving Time Changes

- Equip Forum - Spiritual and Mental Health - 5PM

Nov 17 - Friendsgiving

Dec 8 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Dec 11, 12 - Christmas Concert

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service

No Wednesday Service: Nov 24, Dec 22, 29

No Lifegroup: Nov 26

Sending Opportunities

Toy Collection for Kentucky Families

Bring \$5 toys to church by Friendsgiving (Nov 17)



December 11 and 12, 6:00 PM

Christmas Concert - Admission is free!

Invite friends, family, and neighbors to share in this celebration of Christmas!