



PART 1: A COMMON POINT OF VIEW

INTRODUCTION

God's mission is clear: from Genesis to Revelation, he is reconciling the world to himself. If the church is reconciled to God, why are we not reconciled to each other? What is keeping us divided? And what can we do to move closer to the people God wants to be a part of his church?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which do you like the best and why?
Binoculars
Kaleidoscope
Telescope
Viewfinder
Microscope
2. Who is someone that has influenced your perspective, positively or negatively? How do you feel that person's influence in your life today?
3. What are some things that can hinder us from seeing someone else's perspective? What are some things we can do to overcome those obstacles?
4. **Read Philippians 3:5 and Galatians 3:28.**
In what ways do these two verses demonstrate a change in the way Paul viewed himself? Do you see yourself differently now than you have in the past?
5. Jeff asserted that racial reconciliation is a primary focus for God. If that's the case, how should this challenge followers of Jesus to change their perspectives?
6. It is only when we are intentional that we can see things from a different point of view. What old perspective can you put through your viewfinder this week? How can we support you and hold you accountable?

MOVING FORWARD

The love of Christ compelled Paul toward a ministry of reconciliation, drawing people to God and one another. As we see life from other points of view, it can bring us toward others, and we can become a fuller reflection of who God is. We can become a church where all are one in Christ Jesus.