



Love Is the Way

Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times

Chapter 10: The Great Relationship Revival

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OASIS Protocols for Breakout Rooms and General Discussion

Assign spokesperson/notetaker at beginning of breakout session

Ensure all participants have a chance to speak (if they want to speak)

Be respectful in considering and giving feedback to new or different views

When possible, a team member will be present in each breakout room to provide support

Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "**Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.**"

- The words of Jesus Christ
 - Matthew 12:25
 - The New International Version
- Abraham Lincoln
 - Paraphrased from the Bible

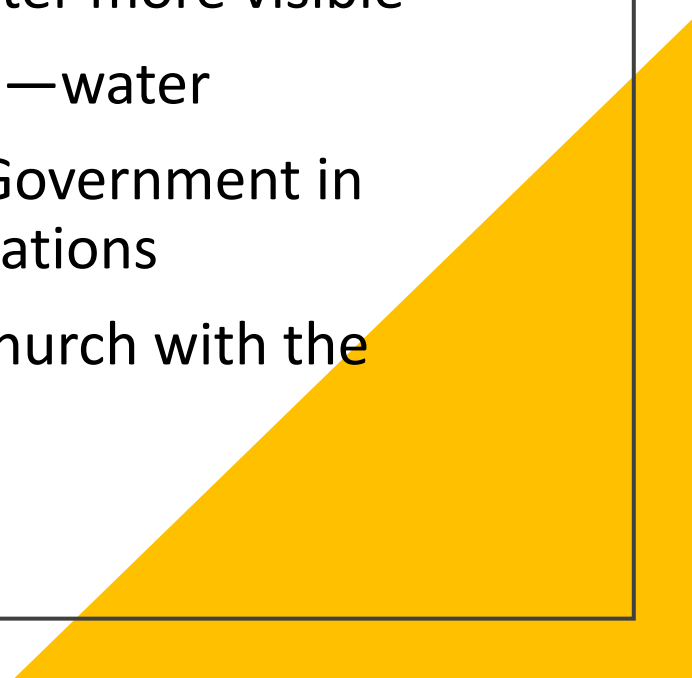
Our goal is to
have a safe,
healthy, and
loving world for
our children.
But what is
keeping us
divided?

Racial issues

Socioeconomic issues

Political issues

The Sioux at Standing Rock in North Dakota

- Reservation visit where an oil pipeline was being built just south of its border
 - Telling of their story and making the struggle for safe water more visible
 - Telling their story as caregivers of one of God's creations—water
 - The role of the Episcopal Church in supporting the U.S. Government in the forced assimilation of Native Americans on to reservations
 - The church's support in healing the relationship of the church with the Sioux
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Breakout 1

Reflect aloud on this question: “Our stories have power. They have the power to change how people understand the world—but even before that they have the power to heal the storyteller.”

Consider your position on a social struggle such as racial reconciliation, care of creation, or LGBTQ+ rights.

What story can you tell to help eliminate obstacles to understanding that all of us are fellow creatures of God’s great earth? Are there any stories in your life that have brought you to this conclusion?

Building
bridges
between
people
with
stories.

Whenever someone tells their story, you are standing on holy ground.

You behave differently, hear them differently, and react from a different place. The hearing and telling of our stories has the power to move us to deeper levels of ourselves.

It is so much harder to hate when someone has shown you their heart.

It is a form of speaking your truth—and as Gandhi taught us, a nonviolent action.

Breakout 2

Interchanging ideas with those who have different viewpoints.

How can you find a way to interact with people of different races, politics, or religious viewpoints?

How can you make a personal commitment to seek out relationships with people we don't know or people we think are unlike us?



We Are the World/Heal the World

Voices of Hope Children's Choir

music by Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson