

## Dissension in the ranks! W/C 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020

Most of us don't like conflict, so we try our utmost to avoid it. We are, after all, called to live at peace with one another (Ro. 12:18). However, there are times when it is unavoidable, times when we must face conflict head on, because, avoiding it would mean compromising the truth.

Peter and Paul go head-to-head on an issue which, if left unresolved, would compromise an essential truth regarding the means of salvation.



**Ice Breaker:** Truth is a relative concept! Discuss – but don't take too long!



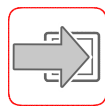
**UP:** Spend some time in worship: You might like to choose a song to play or plan an alternative act of worship that is appropriate to your group.



**UP:** Looking at God's word together:  
**Read: Galatians 2:11-16**

### Discussion Questions

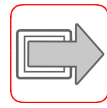
1. What conclusion had the Apostles come to in the meeting in Jerusalem (Gal. 2:1-10)?
2. Peter seems to be making a u-turn on the decision reached in Jerusalem, why do you think he does this?
3. Was Paul right to publicly challenge Peter?
4. What is the essential truth at stake?
5. What do you understand about 'Justification'?
6. It took Christ's death for us to be justified, how does this make you feel?



**IN:** Spend some time in prayer.

- Encourage the members of the group to join in with the Wednesday evening prayer meetings.
- Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.
- Pray for our missionary links.
- Pray for the financial challenges faced by the church.

- Pray for the leadership team as they seek wisdom in leading the church.
- Pray that we all might grow to know Jesus more and gain a passion to make Him known to others.



**OUT:** Why do you think that some people believe that they can achieve salvation through their own good works?