Ice Breaker: Share a story where you were put through a medical triage or share your favorite “injury” story.

Ice Breaker: What is one evidence of God’s grace you’ve seen this week?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What is does the term [theological triage](https://albertmohler.com/2005/07/12/a-call-for-theological-triage-and-christian-maturity) meant to convey?
2. What does Paul see as first importance in his letter to the Corinthians? What are other tier one issues that are essential for salvation and essential in order to defend the gospel?
3. In the book of Galatians, what is Paul warning the church not to do? Why does he give such a strong warning in vs. 6-9? What were they trying to add to the gospel?
4. What are some issues in the second-tier that are essential for fellowship? These are issues that are not essential for salvation, but make it difficult for Christians to worship together?
5. Consider taking time to read our church’s [Statement of Faith](https://a6251eba3a3a0963e828-33c6e1d91bded7d106fd9df93fbb527a.ssl.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/s/0e10111831_1586454391_statementof-faith.pdf) that outlines the doctrines that we believe are essential for unity (first and second tier items).
6. How do you define a third-tier matter of doctrine? Why should we not divide over these issues? Have you ever experienced a divide in a church over a third-tier issue?
7. How do we make sure that our church does not divide over third-tier issues? What are the means of grace that remind us regularly of the unity we have in the gospel?
8. What is the difference between a “straight-line” moral issue and “jagged-line” moral issues?
9. What should Christians do if they disagree over a jagged-line issue? What ought to happen in a church if someone is walking contrary to the gospel on a straight-line issue?
10. Consider practical ways your group can foster unity in the church in this divisive time in our country.

**Further Resources on Theological Triage**

* *[A Call For Theological Triage](•%09A%20Call%20For%20Theological%20Triage%20by%20Albert%20Mohler%20https:/albertmohler.com/2005/07/12/a-call-for-theological-triage-and-christian-maturity)* by Albert Mohler (article)
* [*Finding the Right Hills to Die On*](https://www.amazon.com/Finding-Right-Hills-Die-Theological/dp/1433567423/ref=pd_bxgy_img_3/144-7456823-1334221?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=1433567423&pd_rd_r=05d63354-d6dc-4c11-a314-058c2019aaa5&pd_rd_w=Eax71&pd_rd_wg=0Leb9&pf_rd_p=ce6c479b-ef53-49a6-845b-bbbf35c28dd3&pf_rd_r=1W8SWNZKVXVSEG8EHVR8&psc=1&refRID=1W8SWNZKVXVSEG8EHVR8)by Gavin Ortlund (available at the Book Wall)
* [*How Can I Love Church Members with Different Politics?*](https://www.amazon.com/Church-Members-Different-Politics-Questions/dp/143357179X/ref=pd_bxgy_img_2/144-7456823-1334221?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=143357179X&pd_rd_r=05d63354-d6dc-4c11-a314-058c2019aaa5&pd_rd_w=Eax71&pd_rd_wg=0Leb9&pf_rd_p=ce6c479b-ef53-49a6-845b-bbbf35c28dd3&pf_rd_r=1W8SWNZKVXVSEG8EHVR8&psc=1&refRID=1W8SWNZKVXVSEG8EHVR8)By Jonathan Leeman & Andy Naselli (available at the Book Wall)