

Skills for Disagreeing Better Flyer

Time = 90 min.



Faith-Sponsored Workshop Overview

For people of faith, civil discourse begins in recognizing the image of God in our conversation partner. Since we are all children of God, our approach should involve mutual respect. Respect, not agreement, is an essential key for a healthy discussion. This workshop addresses how we may inadvertently be complicit in, or possibly even encourage, polarization.

Skills for Disagreeing Better

Do you want to have better conversations with people you often disagree with about politics?

Do you wish that family members and friends on the other political side would listen better to your views about politics?

This workshop provides the not-so-secret sauce to help this happen. Here it is:

Listen well and doors will usually open.

Listen not just for what the other person's positions but for the values and concerns that underlie those positions.

Then when you are ready to share your own views, use the skills taught in this workshop to make your points in a way the other person can take in.

That's what you will learn in this Braver Angels workshop: skills for listening, understanding more fully, and sharing your perspectives in constructive ways—even when you disagree sharply. Sometimes you find more common ground than you thought possible.

This is an interactive workshop, with discussion and a chance to practice the skills.