

# Growth Group Discussion Guide

## Week of October 7

### One Great People of God-*The Better Angels*

**Our Scripture: Matthew 12:22-29**

#### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What is a hobby you enjoy that you used to do, are currently doing or hope to pursue in the future? Why does that hobby interest you?

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Each group member read Ephesians 4:25-32 silently to yourself. Underline at least two words or phrases that emphasize our teaching today. Discuss why you chose those words or phrases with your group.
2. **Digging real deep!** Take a look at these three sections of scripture. Today's teaching was pretty important to Matthew, Mark and Luke. They each recorded a version of it in their gospel. Mark 3:23-27; Matthew 12:25-29; Luke 11:17-22.

Take special note to compare the final verse of each section. What could this possibly mean?

#### MEDIA MIX - The Better Angels

Watch this trailer of a little known film that depicts the childhood of Abraham Lincoln.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS-5G5X9BFE>

What strikes you about that which formed the character of our 16th president?

## **TAKING IT HOME**

1. **For personal reflection only.** Is there any individual for whom you harbor ill feelings politically that you became aware of during this week's sermon or study questions? If so, what is the next step you need to take in dealing with it?

## **PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAYER TIME**

The Growth Group you are part of began with Faith Journey. Please pray for the group of 8-10 new families that are part of Greg's Faith Journey Group this fall.

- What do you especially remember about your Faith Journey group?
- What do you hope happens through your Growth group this fall?

## **HOUSEKEEPING**

1. Welcome everyone to the group with special attention to any newcomers.
2. Do you have room for new participants? (Group size is best at 8-14 persons) Does anyone know a friend (whether part of Atonement or not) who could be invited to your group? Just making the invitation will tell them you care!
3. Are you able to meet in someone's home this fall cycle?
4. Do you need to arrange child care?
5. Who is bringing treats next week?