

Bible Study: February 2, 2019 *Seeing Black & White in A Gray World*
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PAGE NO	STATEMENT	CONCEPT FOR DISCUSSION	BIBLE REFERENCE
32	“the key is to listen to both sides and look for ways to integrate the legitimate concerns of each side often forging a new way forward, or at least plowing forward while taking seriously the views of the other”.	Compromise – Agreement by concession	It is forbidden with the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wicked: Psalm 1:1 2. Evil: Romans 12:9 3. Unbelievers: 2Cor 6:14 -18 4. False Teachers: Gal 1:8 – 10. And 2John: 7 – 11 5. Spiritual Darkness: Ephesians 5:11
32	But Adam goes further by claiming that finding third-way compromises to our disagreements would generate a “new reformation” for Christianity.	Compromise – Agreement by concession	OPEN DISCUSSION
33	I hinted in the previous chapter that proposing anything like a new reformation of Christianity is overreaching.	Compromise – Agreement by concession	OPEN DISCUSSION
33	The history of Christianity would suggest that their Reformation was the result of insisting on black and white rather than finding gray.	Compromise – Agreement by concession	OPEN DISCUSSION
38	By mustering up enough humility and listening carefully to both sides of every issue, we are offered compromises on the debates that threaten the church.	Humility	Rewards of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Insures God’s presence: Is 57:15 2. Unlocks more grace Proverbs 3:34 and James 4:6 -10
41	The Issues That Divide us: 1. Scripture The Bible is a kind of Eucharist, he concludes, and he offers this as a middle way between extremes.	The Bible	Acts 2: 22 - 28
41	The Issues That Divide us: 1. Scripture His proposal is misguided because it’s a false dilemma; these have never been two options. Christians have always and everywhere had many other options for understanding the role of the Bible.	The Bible	Jerusalem conference: Acts 15: 1 – 35 1. Conversion of Gentiles Acts 15: 8 - 9