

The banner features a desert landscape with a clear sky and a horizon line. The text 'UNCOMMON GROUND' is prominently displayed in large, white, serif capital letters. Below it, 'MESSAGE BASED QUESTIONS' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

UNCOMMON GROUND

MESSAGE BASED QUESTIONS

Uncommon Ground- Introduction

In a world that's divided, it's easier to pick a side than to fight for unity. But we have a higher calling- to choose honor in a world of division. Are you ready to stand on uncommon ground?

Conversation Starter: Pick one of the questions below to get started-

- What is the most unexpected thing you've experienced in 2020?
- Would you rather have a rewind button or a pause button on your life

Watch: Uncommon Ground Groups Introduction

Discussion Questions:

Question 1: When discussing difficult subjects, do you tend to keep quiet out of fear of being misunderstood, or fear of being hurt?

Question 2: Intentions and impact are two different things, but both are equally important. Why can't we separate one from the other even if they aren't the same?

Question 3: Share a time when your good intentions didn't come across so well.

Question 4: Assuming positive intent is going to be critical for our time as a Group. What are some practical ways to help us believe the best possible story for everyone represented here?

- **Read | Peter 5:5-7**

Question 5: What comes to mind when you hear the word humility?

Question 6: British writer C.S. Lewis once wrote, "*Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.*" How can taking the focus of our preferences or viewpoints help us to find common ground with others?

Question 7: To humble ourselves, we need to admit we need God's help to navigate these conversations well. What do you need to cast onto God as we begin this journey together?

Next Steps:

- **Examine Your Heart-** This week, check your motives. Are you more concerned with preserving your thoughts and opinions, or are you ready to engage in the hard work of humility?
- **Talk to God-** Continue to be honest with God about where you are and remember to cast your cares on Him because He cares for you!

Prayer:

Jesus, would you humble us today? Holy Spirit, please reveal in each of us areas of pride or fear that keep us from engaging in this vital subject of showing honor to one another. God, please help us to follow Jesus' example of humility by focusing our energy on what is best for the people around us-not merely our best interests. Over the next seven weeks together, allow us to be open to hearing viewpoints that are different from our preferences and the ability to respond with love and acceptance so we can demonstrate your grace in a real and tangible way.