

Community Group Notes – December 31, 2017

Getting Started

Take some time to get reacquainted and catch up with one another (as well as welcome any new members). How did the holidays go? Were they fun, relaxing, difficult, stressful, significant, meaningful, something else, or some combination of the above?

Talking It Through

1. Reread 1 Corinthians 4:14-21. Does this passage make you feel uncomfortable? How do you imagine these verses might have felt to the original church in Corinth?
2. Have you ever had to confront someone? How did that go? Has there been a time in your life when someone has confronted you that was, looking back, of great spiritual benefit to you?
3. What is the difference between godly biblical confrontation and ungodly unbiblical confrontation? How can we distinguish when someone is “speaking the truth in love” versus being rude, unthoughtful, or unkind?

4. Who are people in your life that you seek to emulate, whose example you seek to follow? Who do you look up to as an example of someone who has gone ahead of you?

Taking It Further

5. Review the following passages (also incorporate 1 Corinthians 4). What should biblical confrontation look like? What should it not look like? Matthew 18:15-22; Matthew 7:1-6; Galatians 6:1-2; James 5:19-20 (if you have time, wrestle with verse 20 for a bit – what does it mean to “save his soul from death?”); Proverbs 27:6

Taking It Home

6. Someone has said that we should all have a Paul (someone to follow, emulate, grow from), a Barnabas (a partner who walks alongside you), and a Timothy (someone who is learning from you and your example). Do you agree with this idea? Which of these do you have or not have in your life? How can you cultivate these kinds of relationships?

Time to PRAY

(Or do this at the beginning of your group time)

Take time to share prayer requests that relate to the people in your group, and then pray for those needs.

Next Sunday: January 7th

“The Grace of Discipline”

(1 Corinthians 5:1-13)

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