

Community Group Discussion Guide - Week 7 - Admonish One Another
Colossians 3:16

Reflection

Read: John 13:33-34, Colossians 3:16, Romans 15:14

1. How did this sermon help you see admonishing one another differently?
2. What does it mean to admonish?
3. What does our culture say about admonishing one another?
4. What are the things we should admonish or confront?
5. What qualifications do you need to admonish someone?
6. Do the qualifications you think you need line up with Romans 15:14?
7. There are three ways that Tom shared as guidelines for when to admonish: When someone violates God's word in scripture, things that do harm (we warn, put a stop to) and things that hinder our spiritual growth. Which of these are easier or harder for you and why?

The Body

Read: Matthew 7:1-5, Galatians 6:1, Proverbs 6:23, 15:31-32, 19:20

When you join the body of believers, you are accepting that you are going to be called to admonish. But also, you are called to being open to be admonished. We shy away from admonishing one another for all sorts of reasons, but admonishing one another is a part of loving one another well! We all have parts of our lives where we fail, but sometimes we aren't able to see how we are failing or maybe how our failings are affecting people around us. In order for our relationships to be real, we need to be able to point each other in the right directions when we see that someone is going off into the wrong direction.

1. Why is it healthy for us to admonish one another?
2. Why is it hard to admonish each other?
3. Have you been admonished by someone in the community? What was the result? If you can share about the experience.
4. Have you had to admonish someone else?
5. What are some ways that admonishing works well?

The World

For the world around us, we are called to be the body of Christ. This means that through us, all of us together, the world will see who Christ is. We need to be mindful of that as we admonish

each other and as we might be tempted to admonish the world around us. More importantly, if we are forming real relationships where real conversations are happening and where people are open to admonish and be admonished - the world around us will see that authenticity and want to be a part of that.

1. How does admonishment work differently in our relationships with other believers than with non-believers?
2. How does admonishing one another affect the way non-believers might see our Church?
3. What makes our relationships more authentic when we admonish and are open to be admonished?
4. There are many, many ways we can point to how Christians have abused the use of admonishing the world around us. So, in light of that, how can we help each other not slip into being “those judgemental Christians”?

Challenge

In this series, we are trying to learn how to love one another better. Every week, we'll be challenged to live out the current “one another”.

This week, think of the person who you need to admonish. Pray for yourself for wisdom and pray for grace that the person will be open, then go and admonish that person.

OR

If someone has recently admonished you, is there a conversation you need to revisit? Take time and pray, but then go and have that conversation.