



Teach and Admonish One Another

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WELCOME:

Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Ask each GG member to share an experience when they were blessed or encouraged by a fellow believer as they were taught or counseled using the word of God. What do you think our church will look like when each member is richly filled with God's Word?

WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- Build My Life
- Be Thou My Vision

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WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will immerse themselves in God's Word.
- 2. GG members will edify each other with God's Word in love.
- 3. GG members will grow in joy and gratefulness to God

INTRODUCTION

Many people think that it is the role of the pastors and elders of the church to teach and preach the word of God to believers. While this is true, the bible teaches us that believers are able and should teach each other. Paul wrote to the Roman believers that he was confident that they are able to do so because they were filled with all knowledge that comes from God and His Word (Romans 15:14).

Paul exhorted the believers to let God's Word dwell in them richly (Colossians 3:16a)

As believers who love God in response to His love, we should yearn to spend time in communion with God. One of the ways we hear from Him is through reading and studying His Word. God preserved the Bible for us for thousands of years that we may listen to His words. We should treasure it and set aside time to be immersed in it.

- 1. Who is the author of the Bible? Do the words written in it come directly from human authors such as the apostle Paul? (cf. 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16)
- 2. What are followers of God expected to do with His Word? (cf. Joshua 1:8; 1 John 2:24)
- 3. What happens to believers when they discipline themselves to do so? (cf. 2 Timothy 2:15)

Application

How much time do you set aside each day in studying the Bible? If you regard the Bible as your spiritual food, how much time do you need to spend in it each day so that you are spiritually nourished?

Believers richly filled with God's Word teach and admonish each other in all wisdom (Colossians 3:16b)

As believers spend time in reading and meditating on God's Word, they are filled with God's wisdom and guidance, so that not only are they able to live lives that are pleasing to God, they are also able to build each other up to become mature in the

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faith. The command to teach and admonish, therefore, is with regard to the truths of God's Word. This they should do in a spirit of love, just as each one of them received God's gracious love.

- Who is it who gives believers spiritual wisdom and knowledge of God? (cf. Colossians 1:9-10; 2:2-3) On whom then, should believers depend on when teaching and admonishing one another?
- 2. What kind of attitude should believers have when they are speaking the truth of God's Word to one another? (cf. Ephesians 4:15-16) Why is having this attitude important?

Application

What are some instances when you share the truth of God's Word with fellow believer? What are some personal guidelines you follow when doing so, so that it is done in an attitude of love?

Believers richly filled with God's Word joyfully give thanks to God (Colossians 3:16c)

As believers more fully understand the truths of God's Word, the more they appreciate the grace God has lavishly poured out on them. This results in joyful outburst of praise and thanksgiving to God, and sharing that same joy with others as well. Believers can't help but do so because of the joy overflowing from their hearts.

- To whom do believers sing out their praise and thanksgiving? (cf. Ephesians 5:19)
- 2. What is the reason believers burst out in songs of praise and thanksgiving to God? (cf. Colossians 2:6-7)

Application

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest, how much joy and thanksgiving do you have for God for the grace that He has lavished upon you? In what ways do you express this joy and thanksgiving both to God and to other people?

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PRAYER ITEM

Pray for one another, that you may intentionally set aside times throughout each day for the reading and studying of God's Word. Pray that each one may be so soaked in God's Word that it permeates through their thoughts, speech, and actions. Pray that our local church be filled with Christ's followers who are lovingly building one another up by sharing the truth of God's Word to each other. Pray that, as a community of believers, we may glorify God as we persist in doing so.



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