

Restore One Another

Sunday, March 15, 2015

Gal 6:1-2; Jam 5:19-20

This is Hard!

Luke 17:3-5; Galatians 6:1-2; James 5:19-20

Correct, Confront, Rebuke, Bring Back, Restore

- Canadian politeness
- Western individualism
- What business is it of yours
- Misunderstandings
- We all see from our own perspective
- Denial, Defensiveness
- Elevating importance of preferences
- Desire to control

Sin Really is Bad

Defining Sin – Harder than you might expect!

God's Dream – Community – God and People

Sin – Anything that blocks God's dream

An Enemy that harms us – “Wander”, “Caught / Ensnared”

Journey Together

One Anothers – Call to Connect

Three One Anothers – Confess, Forgive, Restore

Journey – Helping Each Other Live a Different Way

Practical Thoughts

- Start with a vision for life – God's Dream
- Be Open to Correction – Confess as needed
- Try to listen no matter how shared
- But with boundaries – need help to do this!
- Scale: Put up with – Forgive – Confront
- Test: Love – always about love
- Watch your heart – everyone is tempted
- Watch your heart – danger of pride

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Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

Go around the circle, introduce yourselves, and answer this question: How do you tend to respond to criticism?

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

Read Some Passages about Forgiving Others

Have several people read these passages:

Luke 17:3-5; Gal 6:1-2; Jam 5:19-20

Discuss a few of these questions:

What terms are used for confronting people in these passages?

What would those terms indicate about the process?

What terms are used for sin in these passages? What might those terms indicate about sin?

The sermon this week focused on both the great value and the great danger of people correcting each other. Which have you experienced?

What steps can be taken to enhance the value and reduce the danger?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other.

You may want to share specific requests.