

Life Group Discussion Guide

Message: "Admonish One Another"

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Message Notes

"Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts."
Colossians 3:16 (NLT)

- Why should we admonish one another?
- *Who am I* to admonish someone?
- How do we admonish one another?

Why should we admonish one another?

Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. **James 1:14–15 (NLT)**

*Nothing can be more cruel than the tenderness that consigns another to his sin.
Nothing can be more compassionate than the severe rebuke that calls a brother back
from the path of sin.* Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together

Who am I to admonish?

"Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives..." **Colossians 3:16 (NLT)**

How do we admonish one another?

Admonishment should be done in a spirit of gentleness.

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. **Galatians 6:1 (NLT)**

Admonishment should be done in person.

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Admonishment should be done in an abundance of teaching.

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“If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive. **Luke 17:3 (NLT)**

Admonishment should be done in confidence.

“If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector. ... For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.” **Matthew 18:15-17, 20 (NLT)**



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Four Questions

LEARN: *What am I learning? What am I curious about? What questions do I have?*

LIVE: *What thoughts/habits/desires do I need to adopt or surrender
so I can experience the abundant life Jesus gives?*



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LOVE: *How will this empower me to love God (with all my heart, soul, mind and strength),
love myself (as Jesus loves me), and love my neighbor (as I love myself)?*

LEAD: *How is God calling me to lead people into
a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?*