

The Good Life

Receiving Correction

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

“11 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, 12 for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.” Proverbs 3:11-12 (ESV)

“8 Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. 9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. 11 For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life. 12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it. 13 The woman Folly is loud; she is seductive and knows nothing. 14 She sits at the door of her house; she takes a seat on the highest places of the town, 15 calling to those who pass by, who are going straight on their way, 16 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” And to him who lacks sense she says, 17 “Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.” 18 But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.” Proverbs 9:8-18 (ESV)

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- How well do you receive constructive criticism? Do you find it helpful or do you get defensive?
- How do you feel when you are trying to help someone but they insist on doing it their own way?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Proverbs 9:8-18. What kind of people like to be rebuked/corrected?
- Read Proverbs 9:8-18. What is the difference between a wise person and a foolish one according to these verses?
- Read Proverbs 3:11-12. Why is discipline important? How does it show love? How is it different from instruction?
- Read Proverbs 3:11-12. Can you find the Gospel message in these verses?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Is it harder to receive discipline or to give it? How do you think God feels when He has to discipline us?
- How can we tell the difference between discipline that comes from God and struggles that come from a sinful world? Are they the same?
- What is the difference between criticism and biblical correction?
- Do you think that you need a better attitude when it comes to receiving correction?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- The next time you receive correction or constructive criticism, how can you accept it and use it?
- In what areas in your life do you think God is trying to show you instruction? How can you look for new ways to learn and grow?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- God, show us your ways and help us to follow You. Remind us that You are still teaching even now; open our ears hear it and to receive it. Thank you that Your Love brings forgiveness and grace when we mess up as well. Amen

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. How did you see God at work in your life this week?
2. What’s something you’d like someone else to check in with you about this week?
3. What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians?
4. Pray for one another.