

“One Another” Series

Week 05: Admonish One Another

Check In:

Take a few moments to check in with each other –

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great 4th of July weekend. What was the most enjoyable thing you did to celebrate over the holiday weekend?

Discussion Questions : “Admonish One Another”

[1] Why do you think most people struggle to admonish others in encouraging ways? Why is it that — for most — admonishment ends up sounding way too harsh or discouraging?

[2] Can you think of a time when someone lovingly admonished you, and it actually ended up bringing about fruitful change in your life? Share your story!

[3] What conditions, attitudes, or circumstances do you believe would be most helpful when preparing to admonish someone?

[4] Quick poll: Have you ever done this? Someone says, “Hey, I really need to talk to you,” and you immediately think, “Uh-oh, what did I do wrong?” Seriously... show of hands... how many of you have ever done this? Why do you think this happens, and how could the consistent practice of healthy admonishment help us overcome this internal reaction?

[5] Read Colossians 3:15-16 together:

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”

: In this text, teaching and admonishment are tied very closely together. How might this thought change or influence your view of what it means to properly admonish one another?

[6] If you were coaching someone as they prepared to admonish another person, what things would you make sure and tell them to avoid doing at all costs?

[7] Can you think of a person in your life who needs to make a course correction, and if so — have you considered whether they might benefit from your admonishment? What would it take for you to have that conversation?

[8] Pause and reflect for a moment — Is it possible you need to be more open to the admonishment of others? Is there anything in your heart or mind that is keeping you from receiving encouraging admonishment from others? What will you do about that?

[9] We loved what Jon Schirm's grandma [Jon is our Groups & Teams Director at Northview's Lafayette Campus] had to say about admonishment — "If the goal is not connection, don't bother with correction." Great statement, right? Well, why do you think connection is so incredibly important when talking about admonishing one another?

As you close...

First, ask God to help you be open to loving correction. Second, ask God to help if you need to offer loving correction to someone in your life. Finally, ask God to help us consistently be the kind of people who offer admonishment in loving and redemptive ways.