



October 12 – 13
Lesson 4

God Speaks to Us Through One Another

This Discussion Guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements, but members can still interact even if they missed the sermon. To use this guide in your Community Group, try to work through the questions on your own before you meet. You might not get to all of the questions, and that's okay. If your Community Group does not meet one week, walk through the guide on your own so that you can stay in sync with the series.

MAIN TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Colossians 3:12-17; Hebrews 13:12-13

SUMMARY: To continue our “One Another” series on how to be the church with one another and not just do church, we will look into how God gives us one another and how the Spirit speaks through one another to build you up, teach you, admonish you, and exhort you.

Just a reminder, while the “one another” passages do encourage us to move inward in community with one another, it doesn't happen without moving upward toward God, and it always moves us outward to the lost around us!

GETTING STARTED

Watch the video together with the corresponding guide and answer the following question below:

1. How does the image metaphor of the “body of Christ” help you understand the role of the church in your life and your life in the church?

DISCUSSING THE WORD

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. You need others to build you up. What are some the reasons Paul gives in verses 1-10 as to why it is important to build each other up. What are some of things that tear us down in this life? What are some practical ways you have been built up by others?
2. Read Colossians 3:12-17. You need others to teach and admonish you. Why is this so important to us growing as Christians?
3. Why is it important that the “word of Christ dwell in you richly” before teaching and admonishing one another? Why is trust and a healthy relationship with one another is important before teaching and admonishing one another?
4. Read Hebrews 3:12-13. What is the danger that starts in the heart that leads to falling away from God? How does this shape how we are to exhort one another?

RESPONDING TO GOD

1. In carrying the theme of exhorting and building up one another, take time to pray for each person in the group and present to God any needs or requests.

OTHER THOUGHTS

Take time this week to send an encouraging word of Scripture from your devotional time with God to someone that would be of encouragement to them.

MOVING OUTWARD WITH YOUR GROUP

Below is the Moving Outward that was shared previously. Use some time at the end to discuss any details needed to move forward, and spend some time praying for these unsaved friends.

1. Have each person think of 2 unsaved friends. Write them down on a piece of paper and commit to pray for their salvation.
2. Go around the room and share with your group the 2 unsaved friends that you wrote down.
3. Decide as a group which unsaved friend you would all like to pursue with either one of the following 3 things:
 - a. **Is there a need? Then fill it.** (*Ex. Yardwork is difficult for a single mom.*)
 - b. **Is there a hurt? Then heal it.** (*Ex. A neighbor's spouse passed away and you make meals for the neighbor for a week*)
 - c. **Is there a common interest? Then do it.** (*Ex. A friend likes board games, so you get together for a game night!*)
4. Start planning the details together as a group and just focus on 1 or 2 unsaved people at a time. Let them see your love that you have as a group and the love Jesus has for them!