

Community Group Discussion Questions

“The Way Forward Through Repentance”

2 Corinthians 7:8-13a, January 31, 2021

Conflict is an inevitable part of life and love. We each are unique in our perspective, past experiences, beliefs, preferences and personality. In addition, we are often hurried, anxious, fending off thousands of messages, perhaps concerned about our health or an upcoming assignment...put it all together and we end up at odds.

Then the key question is, “How do we address issues that need attention? Do we know how to raise an issue? Do we respond well to a concern expressed by someone else? These situations demand work, courage, and commitment. And, this work must be done if we are to grow emotionally, relationally, and spiritually

Gathering Together for Fun

What is your most vivid memory of winter from when you were a child? What do you most like now about winter?

Growing and Getting Real Together

Have you ever been rebuked in a destructive way? In a constructive way? What was the impact in both cases?

Do you find it more difficult to give a rebuke or to receive a rebuke? Why? What do you learn from Nathan’s rebuke of David? About Paul’s interaction with the Corinthians? What most grabbed your attention in 2 Corinthians 7:8-13a? Why? Pastor Geoff mentioned three truths about rebuke and described four aspects of Paul’s approach in giving a rebuke; what was most helpful? What questions do you still have about this practice?

What is your response to the statement that no one can become spiritually mature on their own?

Have you ever experienced godly sorrow? What impact did it have on your life and on others?

“Repentance is meant to be a lifestyle.” Thoughts?

What do you need to repent of in this season in your life? What helps you repent well? What makes it hard?

We need intimate relationships, so we can give and receive godly rebukes, respond with godly sorrow, and practice repentance as a lifestyle. We have three choices we need to make regularly about commitment, forgiveness, and mindset. Which choice is hardest for you to make? Why?

Tell of a time when someone else clearly made the choice to give you covenant commitment, grace, or service. What impact did that have on your life?

Group Prayer Time

Pray for God to help each of you grow in your love for God and others, so you can give and receive godly rebukes. Ask God to help you build stronger relationships marked by covenant commitment, grace, and service. Finally, share and pray for the personal requests of group members.