WEEK 7

ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER



PRIMARY SCRIPTURES

Colossians 3:16; Galatians 2:11–14

BIG TRUTH

Loving correction helps us speak God's truth to one another with courage and compassion so that our lives reflect and align with the gospel.

PREPARE: READ AND OBSERVE

Read Colossians 3:16 and Galatians 2:11–14. Circle repeated words, underline commands, and note what the passages reveal about God, people, and relationships.

My first observations or questions:

KNOW: UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH

As you study these passages, consider how God's Word shapes the way we speak truth to one another. Pay attention to why loving correction is necessary, how it should be given, and how humility helps us receive it.

Admonition Begins with the Indwelling Word
Admonition is warning, counsel, or corrective instruction that renews thinking and living. It must flow from hearts richly inhabited by Christ's Word—not preference, irritation, rumor, or self-importance.

Truth Requires Courage and Compassion
Paul confronted Peter because Peter's conduct harmed Gentile believers and contradicted the gospel. Courage names what is wrong; compassion seeks the person's restoration rather than humiliation.

The Goal Is Realignment and Worship
Correction is not about winning. It helps a believer walk straight with the gospel and return to faithful worship. Healthy community both gives and receives correction with wisdom.

Doctrine: What We Believe
Scripture is sufficient to teach, rebuke, correct, and train God's people (2 Timothy 3:16–17). Because believers are being sanctified, we need one another's truthful ministry. Correction never adds to Christ's finished work; it helps our conduct match it.

Supplemental Passages: Proverbs 9:8–9 · Matthew 7:1–5 · Matthew 18:15–17 · Ephesians 4:15 · 2 Timothy 3:16–17

KNOW QUESTIONS

1. According to Colossians 3:16, what role does God's Word play in the way we teach and admonish one another?

2. Why was Peter's behavior a gospel issue rather than a matter of personal preference?

3. What do Paul's purpose and approach teach us about loving correction?

FOLLOW: PRACTICE THE WAY OF JESUS

Move from what the text means to what faithful obedience looks like in your actual relationships. Choose at least two questions to answer fully before the group meets.

1. Do you tend to avoid correcting others, speak too harshly, or become defensive when someone corrects you?

2. When you have a concern about someone, do you spend more time praying for them or talking about them to others?

3. Is your concern clearly grounded in Scripture, and is it serious enough to address?

4. How can you consider the setting, tone, timing, and relationship when approaching someone with loving correction?

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This Week's Practice
Ask a mature believer, *"Is there any way my conduct is out of step with the gospel?"* Listen without defending yourself. If you must correct someone, pray first and speak privately, specifically, and gently.

My specific person, action, and time:

REFLECT: ATTEND TO THE HEART

Take time to examine your heart in light of what you've learned. Consider what the Holy Spirit is revealing about your attitudes, fears, and relationships as He forms you to reflect Christ.

1. Whose correction has helped you grow? What made it easier for you to receive?

2. What fear keeps you from speaking necessary truth?

3. What pride keeps you from inviting truthful feedback?

RESPOND AND PRAY

Lord, fill me with Your Word and make me courageous, compassionate, humble, and teachable.

One truth I want to remember:

One step I will practice:

People and needs we will pray for: