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TRUTH AND LOVE

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We love one another by being _____ one _____.

Admonishing one another goes beyond _____ and _____.

- **Admonishing requires a foundation of _____ and _____.**
- **Admonishing requires _____.**

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

Admonition is for _____ not _____.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

Admonishing is an essential work of _____.

Admonishing only works in _____.

- **I admonish with the truth of Jesus found in _____.**

¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

- **I admonish in _____ and _____.**

¹⁴And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-18 (NIV)

- **I admonish in truth because I want what is _____ for others.**

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

- **I admonish in love because Jesus _____ us first.**

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

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TEACHING BIG IDEA:

Admonishing without truth is _____, without love is _____, but with both brings _____.

³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; ⁷rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!
Philippians 2:3-8 (NIV)

Jesus _____ us to leave our sin and _____ Him.



TEACHING SUMMARY:

Finding the balance between truth and love is a constant struggle for many of us. For most people, one of these come more naturally. Gratefully, we have the ultimate example in Christ, Who is the perfection of both Truth and Love. In fact, Jesus was called The Truth (John 14:6) and as God was called Love (1 John 4:8). He is the ultimate example for us to follow. But, that doesn't mean it is easy.

To admonish in both truth and love first requires a relationship with Christ. Second, we must look inward to see where we need to grow. Third, we need a relationship with the person we are to admonish.

So how are you at admonishing out of love and truth? How are you at admonishing out of the love that Christ has for us and through the truth of His word? Let's dive deeper with a few questions and some great truth from God's word.

TALK IT OVER:

Do you naturally lean more toward truth or love when you talk with others and have difficult conversations? How has that been a benefit and how has that limited you in your interactions?

How does it affect you to receive feedback that is heavily weighted in one direction or the other?

What do you see in the life of Jesus or the life of others that you would like to emulate?

What is one next step you can take based on today's teaching?

How can we be praying for you?

FURTHER READING:

Day 1: John 13:34

Day 2: Colossians 1:28-29

Day 3: 2 Timothy 4:2-4

Day 4: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

Day 5: Hebrews 10:19-25

Day 6: Galatians 6:1-5