



## Discussion Questions for weeks of November 29, 2015

### BIG IDEA:

Everyone needs correction. As sinful people, every single one of us behaves in such a way that brings negative consequences into our own lives and/or the lives of others. Even though we all know that we need correction, everyone pretty much hates being corrected. It's also pretty awkward being the one doing the correcting.

However, God has called us to use our words to speak truth into each other's lives. We are called to use our words to expose wrongdoing, explain the consequences, and extend a helping hand to each other.

### ICE BREAKER:

What the worst trouble you've ever gotten into at school? What were you corrected for and what were the consequences?

### DISCUSSION:

Everyone needs correction. Think about your friends and the following list. Where is the greatest need for correction?

*Gossip, Laziness, Disrespecting Parents and Authority, Poor Choices in Media, Worry/Stress/Anxiety, Anger, Complaining, Over-Prioritizing Sports, Alcohol, Drugs, Smoking, Law-Breaking, Immodesty, Lust/Impurity, Materialism*

When you see a behavior in someone else that needs correcting, how do you typically respond?

*A) Joining in their behavior, B) Ignoring their behavior, C) Judging their behavior, D) Slandering their behavior, E) Repaying their behavior*

Look up and read 2 Timothy 4:2. How does God direct us to respond when we see a behavior in someone else that needs correcting?

Look up and read Luke 6:37. What should NOT be involved when we correct, rebuke, and encourage?

*Not judging. Not condemning. Not rejecting. Not positioning.*

What do you think it means to correct, rebuke, and encourage someone?

*Correct – Elegecho – Expose wrongdoing.  
Rebuke – Epiteimao (on price) – Explain the cost.  
Encourage – Parakaleo (call by side) – Extend a Helping Hand.*

Have four people look up and read the following verses to the group. What do each of these passages tell us about correcting, rebuking, and encouraging? Proverbs 27:5-6, Leviticus 19:17, Proverbs 28:23, and 2 Timothy 3:16.

*If you don't correct, rebuke and encourage...You're hiding love, You're an enemy, You're sharing in guilt, You're not gaining favor, You're not fully utilizing the bible.*

Look back at 2 Timothy 4:2. Why do you think it means to have "great patience" and "careful instruction" and why would that be important?

### APPLICATION:

We're going to pair up and practice correcting, rebuking, and encouraging another person using God's Word. Using the script and the list on the following page, choose one of the 12 topics, study the verses that go with that topic, and act out a conversation.

One person will play the role of the one correcting, rebuking, and encouraging. One person will play the role of the one being corrected, rebuked, and encouraged. Take turns playing each role. Use a different topic each time.



## MEMORY VERSE 2 TIMOTHY 4:2

*Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.*

# Practice Correcting, Rebuking, and Encouraging Using God's Word

Partner Up & Role Play with a Fake Situation

## Sample Script:

Can I tell you something I've noticed about you?

(Response)

I've noticed \_\_\_\_\_. Do you know what I'm talking about?

(Response)

Can I show you something that the Bible says about this?

(Response)

The Bible says \_\_\_\_\_. Do you see how \_\_\_\_\_ could create problems?

(Response)

Here's how I see this could create problems for you: \_\_\_\_\_. Is there anything I could do to help?

(Response)

If you think it would help, here's how I think I could offer assistance \_\_\_\_\_.

## Topics & Verses:

### Gossip

Proverbs 26:20  
Proverbs 11:13  
Proverbs 16:28  
Proverbs 20:19

### Laziness

Proverbs 13:4  
Proverbs 6:6-11  
Proverbs 20:4  
Proverbs 10:4

### Disrespecting Parents

Deuteronomy 5:16  
Ephesians 6:1-3  
Colossians 3:20

### Poor Choices in Media

Philippians 4:8  
Galatians 6:7-8  
Luke 6:45  
Colossians 3:1-2

### Worry/Stress/Anxiety

Matthew 6:25-34  
Psalm 139:23-24  
Philippians 4:6-7  
Psalm 73:21-26

### Anger

Ephesians 4:26-27  
James 1:19-20  
Proverbs 29:11

### Complaining

Philippians 2:14-15  
Philippians 4:4

### Over-Prioritizing Sports

1 Timothy 4:8  
Philippians 3:12-13

### Alcohol, Drugs, Smoking, Law-Breaking

Ephesians 5:17-18  
Hebrews 13:17  
Romans 13:1-2  
Proverbs 23:19-21  
Proverbs 23:29-32  
Proverbs 20:1  
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

### Immodesty

Romans 13:14  
1 Timothy 2:8-10  
1 Corinthians 10:31-33  
Proverbs 31:30  
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

### Lust/Impurity

Matthew 5:27-29  
Ephesians 5:3  
2 Timothy 2:22  
Psalm 51:10  
Proverbs 6:25

### Materialism

1 John 2:16  
Matthew 6:19-21