

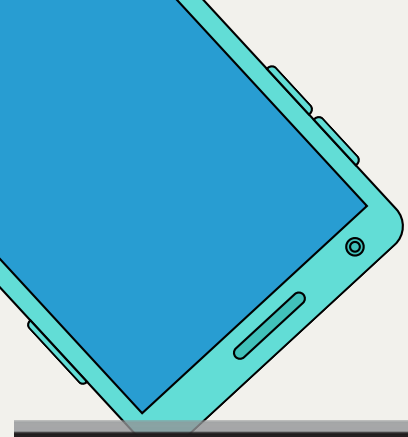
STRAIGHT TALK

biblical communication

**Be Open to
Correction
(Humble)**



Week 2
10/15/23



WELCOME



Welcome to the Fall 2023 Life Group Series! For the next six weeks, we will be learning about Biblical communication principles.

Why are we learning how to communicate? Haven't we been communicating for as long as we can remember? Yes! But things have changed. Technology has had a huge impact on how we communicate with one another. Twenty years ago, we had an easier time getting along with friends, family, and coworkers because most of our communication was verbal. We talked in person or called people on the phone.

When we disagreed with someone in conversation before smartphones, we tried to do it gently. Say something nasty to someone in person might get you punched in the face. Say it on Facebook or over a text, and you'll just get unfriended or blocked. COVID, the culture war, and smartphones have drastically altered how we communicate - even with our own family and loved ones. A lot has changed, but the principles of Biblical communication have not changed. They are...

1. Listen before speaking.
2. Be open to correction.
3. Tell the truth.
4. Hold one another accountable.
5. Handle conflict in a way that leads to peace.
6. Use speech that edifies.
7. Forgive one another.

We hope you enjoy this time COMMUNICATING with your Life Group as we teach one another how to honor God and one another in our speech.



THINGS TO DO BEFORE LIFE GROUP

- If you're bringing a new person to the study, we recommend getting them study materials ahead of time so they can feel prepared.
- Pray that the LORD will open your eyes and heart to receive the lessons he has to teach you in the study.
- Read the scripture focus for the study.
- Go through the questions and think about how you might answer them. We've provided space in the study for you to write down your answers if you'd like.





INTRO

"I'm not the greatest. I'm the double greatest. Not only do I knock 'em out, I pick the round. I'm the boldest, the prettiest, the most superior, most scientific, most skillfullest fighter in the ring today...It's hard to be humble when you're as great as I am." - Muhammad Ali, World Champion Fighter

Our modern society does not reward humility with wealth, attention, or status. Social media influencers, politicians, musicians, and actors make enormous fortunes by NOT being humble. So, why should we be humble? What does humility get us? By the end of this lesson you should be able to articulate why we should be humble, and what humility gets us. SPOILER ALERT! It's much better than wealth, attention, or status.



HISTORICAL SNAPSHOT

Imagine growing up in a first-century devout Jewish home that humbly followed God's law to the best of their ability. The most central part of Jewish worship was at the temple, where priests presented sacrifices to God to cover the people's sins. In the temple, the priests entered into the very presence of God. Now, as a Jewish Christian, you hear temple worship is obsolete - that Jesus is God, and he humbled himself on the cross as the perfect sacrifice to take away the sins of the world. The writer of the Book of Hebrews wrote the instruction manual for Jews who needed to know that it was their faith and trust in the God who humbled himself to save them from their sins.

COMMUNICATION TIPS



How to remain humble and open to correction when communicating with others...

1. Regard others as better than yourself (Philippians 2:3)
2. Admit you don't know everything. (Proverbs 3:7)
3. Recognize your own faults and take responsibility for your failures. (Matthew 7:1-5)
4. Confess when you don't measure up to God's expectations. (James 5:16)
5. Do not brag or boast about your achievements, but give all glory to God. (1 Corinthians 1:31)



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What We Believe

1. Read Hebrews 12:1-11. Who are the “great cloud of witnesses” and what is the “race that is set before us” mentioned in verse 1?
2. Why did Jesus endure the cross?
3. According to this text, what is the relationship between God and the church?
4. According to the text, how should we view discipline from God?

God Speaks to Us

1. This Life Group study is on the topic of HUMILITY. What does this text have to say about humility?
2. The opposite of humility is arrogance. How do you react to a humble person? How do you react to an arrogant person? Why should we be humble?

God Speaks to Our Family

1. What does it look like when God disciplines us? How should we discipline our children? What goals should parents have when disciplining their children?
2. Give three practical ways to teach children humility.

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God Speaks in Our Worship

1. The Hebrew and Greek words we translate as “worship” in the Bible also mean to make oneself low, to bow down, and to bend the knee in reverence. What does a humble worship service look like? What does an arrogant worship service look like?
2. Do you prepare yourself to have a humble mindset before attending worship? Describe your experience in worship when you’ve had an arrogant mindset. Describe your experience in worship when you’ve had a humble mindset.

The Gospel Call

1. Atheists accuse Christians of having no evidence for believing what we believe. Are they right? If so, should we remain humble in our presentation of the gospel regarding evidence? If not, what evidence do we have to confirm the truth of the gospel?
2. Can we be both humble and certain in our presentation of the gospel? If yes, describe what a humble looks like. If not, what prevents us from being both humble and certain?



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