

SMALL GROUPS

Small Group Discussion Week of May 8th, 2011 No Place Like Home? “As Iron Sharpens Iron (The Family of God)”

1. Tell about a time when someone spoke words of correction into your life in which it was clear that this was from genuine concern for you. How were these words delivered?
2. How did you receive this input at the time? Has your view of the situation changed with the passing of time?
3. When you are in a position to offer words of correction to another, what guides your approach?
4. Our memory verse for this week is Galatians 6:10. As someone in your group reads this verse aloud, what one word jumps out at you? Why?

Read Galatians 6:1-10

5. The beginning of this passage deals with someone “caught in sin”. The sense is that of being entrapped by sin, not having actively pursued it. What does Paul tell us about the goal of correction?
6. Who should pursue correction?
7. What is the recommended frame of mind when we are being corrected?
8. What potential danger do we face when we correct others or when we are being corrected?
9. How do you evaluate the effectiveness of your words?
10. At the end of this passage, (v. 9-10) Paul's exhortation points towards perseverance and perception. How can we keep ourselves focused on the needs of others and recognize opportunities to act?
11. When Paul says “especially” in v. 10, what do you think he is getting at?
12. In what way do you find it easier to do good for those within the family of believers? Is this restricted to our immediate church family? How might we view this with our military families, both incoming and outgoing?