

Home Group Notes – Leaders Notes
Road Trip week 7 – “Creating Understanding”

Share it

“Nothing is as easy as talking, and nothing is as difficult as communicating.” How do you think ‘tech’ tools have affected our communication with those closest to us?

Leaders: you might ask how “creating understanding” has been affected by new communication tools / styles.

Study the Bible

How do these passages encourage us in our journey to create better understanding with others?

Ephesians 4:29-30

Leaders: What kind of communication – words – does Paul value here? Recognize as well that God is grieved by ‘rotten’ talk....spoiled food usually makes people sick!

Ephesians 4:25-26

Leaders: look at Eph. 4:15 as well for context regarding ‘truthing it’ with one another.

1 Thessalonians 5:11a

Leaders: *Encourage* for Paul also means to participate in the ‘building’ of each other God is doing in our lives – 1 Cor. 3:9, Eph. 2:21.

Hebrews 3:13

Leaders: Note the possible effects of a lack of encouragement in the believer’s life.

Philippians 1:3-6

Leaders: A good question to ask – is this how we pray for those in our relational world? How does the prayers of others encourage you?

James 1:19

Leaders: One part of the process of ‘creating understanding’ – engage your senses....

Proverbs 10:19, 12:18

Leaders: the incredible power of that our tongue – to build up, or destroy.

Proverbs 15:1, 21:23

Leaders: Connect Solomon’s instruction with James 1.

Discuss Together

How does this quote relate to our study? “We live by encouragement – without it we die, slowly, sadly, and alone.”

Leaders: Discuss the profound impact of a lack of encouragement in our life.

What are 2-3 insights from the above passages on how you can create better understanding and be more effective in your family communication?

Who is someone in your world that models encouragement and wisdom in communication? Examples?

Why do you believe God placed you in the middle of the family He made you a part of? A positive role you might be able to play in your family life?

Leaders: Keep it positive if possible – a good opportunity for us to see with new eyes our unique place in our family - the power of our words and how our lives can be used by the Spirit of God to build others up!

Pray

- For opportunities this week to encourage my family
- For wisdom to apologize to anyone if I need to do so re: how I’ve communicated with them
- For my path to cross one ‘neighbor’ I might encourage in word and/or deed

Apply it this week

Take some time with your family / roommates / friends to do the ‘table talk’ plan.