

AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS ARE GOD'S GREENHOUSE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Jesus had twelve close followers with whom He shared life and had a lot of spiritual conversations. We believe this is the normal context in which we are to grow in Christ. That's why we strongly encourage you to find at least one other person as you consider the following questions. Read the passages out loud and discuss them. When you speak, be very honest. This requires vulnerability, but God will use such trust in life-changing ways. If you would like to join a CARE Group, please contact any of our pastors or fill out a green Connection Card and drop it in a Communications box.

BIBLE QUESTIONS (TITUS 1:10-16)

Paul is telling Titus to "rebuke... sharply" some specific people. Who were they and what were they doing? What was the goal of the harsh confrontation?

Who is able to remain pure? Who is incapable of doing anything with purity? How is this linked to our thoughts and our sense of morality?

How does Paul know that the rebels, who claim to know God, really don't know God? How does this relate to Matthew 7:18?

Write out some principles of healthy confrontations from this passage and also from Matthew 7:3-5 and 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1, and James 5:19-20.

LIFE QUESTIONS

How good are you at confrontation? Are you able to be both gentle and harsh when needed?

Without naming names, is there someone whom you believe you need to challenge in their faith or their character? Without gossiping, describe the situation and why you think you should confront them.

Are you willing to operate by the principles laid out in Matthew 7:3-5, Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1? Why or why not?

If you know you need to have a hard conversation with someone, ask for prayer; specifically, that it will go well and that by the grace of God the person will be "sound in faith" as a result.

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