

Focus: During January and February, we are looking at the church and how they valued the art of one-anothering. Did you know the words “one another” are used 59 times in the New Testament? “Love one another.” “Forgive one another.” “Regard one another as more important than yourselves.” And the list goes on. This week, we want to reflect on the challenge to admonish one another.

1. What is an example in your life where somebody has told you the truth about yourself or your situation, and though painful to hear, it was needed and beneficial to you?
2. To admonish is **to give direction, to guide, to coach, to counsel**. Why is this form of encouragement, that is so vital, so unwelcomed and pushed back against?
3. Read Hebrews 3:7-19. What is this passage telling you about when we need admonishing (encourage/exhorted), how often, and why we need it? What other biblical examples are there of when one admonished another who was in the wilderness (i.e. David, Samaritan Women, etc.)?
4. Reflect on Gary’s quote: *“What if God knew the journey through life can be treacherous and He designed life to be lived in a trusted, close knit community, that serves as that extra set of eyes (to admonish you)?”* How does that make you feel? *I feel...*
5. In order to admonish others well, we need to allow God’s perspective and graciousness into our lives. And if we are to be admonished, we need to let others into our lives. Which is more challenging for you - admonishing or being admonished and why?

Call to Action

- A. Ask God to give you His eyes, truth, and graciousness to admonish another in need.
- B. Who will you let into your life so that your heart is not hardened by sin’s deceitfulness?