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Message Notes



People-ing 101: Building Community One Story at a Time "INSTRUCT ONE ANOTHER"

Pastor Nate Sickler | July 6, 2025

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- Being "full of goodness" gives us the spiritual dynamic to navigate the delicate balance between the _____ to oppose evil and the _____ to be generous towards each other.
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2. We Are _____ for One Another (Romans 15:14b)

- **Mutual instruction is a sign of _____.** Paul believes spiritual maturity shows not just in what we know, but in how we share that knowledge. (Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 5:12)
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3. We Grow Stronger When We Grow _____

- **Instructing one another _____ relationships.** Instruction isn't about lectures - it's about living, loving, and learning in community. (Ephesians 4:15-16)
- **Instruction happens in _____ life.** Over coffee. In a small group. While serving together. At the dinner table. On a golf course. In a boat. At the gym. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)
- **Instruction leads to _____.** (Proverbs 10:17)

SO MY NEXT STEP IN PEOPLE-ING 101:

- Who are you _____ right now?
- Who are you _____?
- Where is God _____ you to speak truth in love?

Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If you could celebrate the 4th of July anywhere and with anyone you wanted, where would you celebrate and with whom?

1. Why do you think “instruction” has taken on such a negative spin in our culture today?
2. Pastor Nate informed, “We are equipped to build each other up.” Read **Romans 15:13-14a**, **Galatians 5:22-23**, **2 Peter 1:3** and **Philippians 2:13**. Share an example of how you experienced God’s work in your life which allowed you to help others.
3. **Romans 15:14b**, **Colossians 3:16**, **Hebrews 5:12** and **Proverbs 27:17** teach us that we are responsible for other Jesus-followers. Our participation demonstrates our maturity. Where do you need to mature – in the giving or receiving end of instruction? Explain.
4. “We grow stronger when we grow together.” How have you experienced this with other believers? If you haven’t, how will you help your friends grow with you? **Ephesians 4:15-16**, **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**, **Proverbs 10:17**.
5. Pastor Nate outlined three next steps for us when he asked, “Who are you learning from right now?” “Who are you instructing?” and “Where is God nudging you to speak truth in love?” Take time to answer these, answering one, two or all three questions.

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Mark 12; Psalm 129

Day Two: Numbers 12; Proverbs 5

Day Three: Galatians 6; 2 Kings 3

Day Four: Revelation 21; Ezekiel 6

Day Five: Job 5; Acts 17

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner’s Bible Reading System.



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