

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGES - Titus 1:7-9, 13, Matt. 18:15

**Titus 1:7-9** <sup>7</sup>Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. <sup>8</sup>Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. <sup>9</sup>He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

**Titus 1:13** This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,

**Matthew 18:15** "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

**Other Passages:** 2 Tim 2:24-26, Matt. 5:23-24, Matt. 18:15, Titus 3:10, Titus 1:13, Titus 2:15

### Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

### Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

1. Spend a moment to think of a time you apologized, or were apologized to and the freedom and healing it brought? So often we can focus on what negative experiences, but how has confrontation been done in a healing way in your life?
2. If you reflect back on past confrontations, was restoration the goal? How does having restoration change how you go about having a conversation?
3. Read Matthew 18 as a group, just like the Brethren in Christ would do traditionally before a love feast. Commit as a group to practice the principles in there, to make sure there is truth spoken, reconciliation made where necessary, so grace may abound.
4. What have I been stuffing that God is prompting me to bring to the light?
5. Who have I been avoiding having a hard conversation with? Will you commit to bringing that before God in prayer. I already know what He's going to tell you to do, but will you start praying about it?
6. Am I helping those around me pursue healthy confrontations? If a person comes to me instead of the person they should be going to, am I redirecting them right away? Am I offering to go with them? Am I helping form straight lines instead of triangles?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**