

THE HEART BEHIND THE HARD THINGS

MATTHEW 18:15-20

A sincere Christian hates sin in himself most.

-Richard Sibbes

I. Giving Correction

II. Receiving Correction

III. Understanding the Church

Small Group Study Questions

Icebreaker:

1. Who can you trust to always tell you the truth?

Application:

2. Before I confront a brother or sister about their sin there are some things I must take care of on my part. What do the following verses urge us to do in preparation? (James 4:1-2, Matthew 7:5, Proverbs 19:11, Ephesians 4:31-32, Colossians 3:13)

3. If we are the ones being confronted about our sin, what should be our attitude in order to restore our fellowship with both God and our brother? (Psalm 32:5, Proverbs 28:13, I John 1:9, Revelation 3:19)

4. Our need for corporate worship and fellowship is rooted in the body concept explained in Paul's writings. (Romans 12:4-5) The benefits of such fellowship are given in Proverbs 27:17 and Hebrews 10:24-25.

For Families:

5. Talk with your children about how to ask for forgiveness and how to grant forgiveness.