

SERMON LISTENING WORKSHEET

Date: April 13, 2025

Passage: Luke 17:1–4

Focus: *Building biblical relationships where rebuking, repenting, and forgiving are practiced regularly and rightly is one of the ways God keeps us spiritually safe.*

Key Quotes

- “Biblical rebuke does not equal having a big mouth.”
 - “The fact that someone comes to you to speak about your spiritual life is a gift from God.”
 - “You are dealing with someone’s heart as you rebuke. It’s spiritual surgery in a war zone.”
 - “Forgiving someone involves committing yourself to pursue a better relationship with them afterwards.”
 - “Forgiveness is not a feeling, forgetting, moving on, or excusing; forgiveness is releasing someone from their obligation.”
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Important Concepts

1. Biblical Relationships Require Active Engagement

Believers must intentionally form relationships marked by rebuking, repenting, and forgiving to stay spiritually safe.

2. Biblical Rebuke Is Loving and Careful

Rebukes must be based on identifiable sin (not personal preference) and delivered humbly, gently, and wisely.

3. Biblical Forgiveness Is a Promise, Not a Feeling

Forgiveness means committing not to hold sin against someone, following God's example, even though it may be costly.

Thought Questions

- Why is it important to make sure we are confronting sin and not just personal preferences when we rebuke someone?
- What are some ways we can prepare our hearts before going to rebuke a fellow believer?

- How can you tell if you are rebuking someone for a biblical reason and in a biblical way?
 - Why is failing to rebuke sin, when necessary, actually unloving according to Scripture?
 - When someone lovingly rebukes us, why is it foolish to get defensive or angry? How does Proverbs describe the wise response to correction?
 - How can you respond wisely and humbly when someone confronts you about your sin?
 - What are the dangers of forgiving someone only outwardly but continuing to dwell on the offense in our hearts?
 - How does forgiving others reflect the way God has forgiven us in Christ? Why is this comparison so important?
 - Why is true confession and real repentance so much more than just saying “I’m sorry”?
 - What makes biblical forgiveness so radically different from the world’s ideas of “moving on” or “forgetting”?
 - Why does Jesus command relationships built around rebuking, repenting, and forgiving rather than letting people manage their spiritual lives alone?
 - What influences your understanding of rebuke, repentance, and forgiveness more—Scripture or your upbringing and culture?
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Simple Sermon Summary

Jesus shows us:

- The world is spiritually dangerous.
- We need to pay attention to ourselves.
- We must develop relationships where:
 - Rebuke: Lovingly and humbly confront sin in others.
 - Repent: Humbly and genuinely admit and turn from our own sin.
 - Forgive: Release and restore those who repent.

We will be reminded that:

- It is vital we rebuke, repent, and forgive biblically.
- If we don’t rebuke biblically, we are sinning.
- If we resist rebuke, we are in a spiritually dangerous position.
- If someone repents, forgiveness is not optional.

Conclusion:

These kinds of relationships are essential for survival in a world full of spiritual stumbling blocks. They must be done God’s way — humbly, biblically, and lovingly — not based on cultural habits or personal feelings.