



Discussion Guide
Over/It – Part 6
PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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"Correct him, but not as a foe, nor as an adversary exacting a penalty, but as a physician providing medicines."

[John Chrysostom]

ENGAGE & CONNECT ||

Who in your family always seemed to be getting into trouble as a child? Was it you?

BEGIN WITH PRAYER ||

Lord, please be gentle and merciful with us as we talk about this topic of reproof. It is hard to give, and it is hard to receive. We've all had to be on both sides of this, and we need Your gentleness soothing the sore places left by those encounters. In Your name we ask this. Amen.

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE ||

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

[Ephesians 4:31-32]

PASSAGE & DISCUSSION || *Proverbs 15:30-33, 27:5-6, 1:20-33, and 25:12*

1. What does this first passage have to say about rebukes/discipline?
2. How can the wounds of a friend be faithful? (27:6) How can they be better than the kisses of an enemy?
3. What does wisdom offer in verses 1:20-33?
4. What does Proverbs 25:12 teach us about the relationship between a wise reprover and an ear that listens and learns?
5. In his sermon, Matt mentioned that proper confrontation isn't motivated by "impatience, frustration, hurt, anger, or ambition." What motivates good confrontation, then?
6. Describe your ideal version of yourself. What is he/she like?
7. Is that version of you the same as God's ideal version of you? What is different between the person you are now and God's ideal for you?
8. Who do you know who has the humility to change? Is it you?

9. How can we discern the difference between holy/wise correction and reproof that's for our harm?

STEP OF OBEDIENCE ||

Be open to the Lord's Spirit—the spirit of Wisdom that corrects.

As you consider your next step, reflect on: 1) Is there a gap in yourself that needs addressing? 2) Is there a gap in someone else that needs addressing? Either way, ask the Lord to open our eyes to the gaps.

PRAYER FOCUS ||

“Lord, we want to be transformed, but it is difficult to want the transformation process that gets us to that place. Please open our eyes. Put Your finger on the next thing You want to work on in us. And please have mercy and be gentle with us. Amen.”