

12.02.18 - Say the Hard Things (Titus 1:9-2:1)

This week consider journaling and doing discovery Bible studies (www.revolvechurchnj.com/discover) on these passages:

- Matthew 18:15-20
- Matthew 18:21-35
- Proverbs 10:18; 26:23-26; 27:6;
- 2 Samuel 12:1-15
- Job 5:17-18
- Hebrews 12:3-11

Take some time to journal on the following questions:

- Are you more prone to diving right into hard talks or avoiding them?
- Have you seen or experienced the effects of over-shepherding vs. under-shepherding?
- How do you see this manifesting itself in your relationships with others?
- When do you find it hard to listen to others when they come to you with hard things?
- Is it hard for you to submit to leadership? Why?
- How do you need to grow as it relates to having difficult conversations?
- Is there someone in your life with whom you need to have a hard talk?

A Model for Rebuke or Challenge from Philemon

- Greetings (vv1-3)
- Be thankful in prayer b/c of the person's love for people and faith in God (vv4-5)
- Pray that the person would grow in Christlikeness (v6)
- Acknowledgement of how much of a blessing to me the person has been (v7)
- Acknowledge that you need to speak to them and although you could do this out of law - in light of their love, faith, Holy Spirit's work - you want to appeal to speak with them from a place of love (v8-9)
- Address the situation with grace and truth, relating it to the gospel (v10-13)
- Ask them to do the right thing of their own free will since they are striving for maturity (v14)
- Be confident of their obedience (v21)