



"G3: Gently Engage" – Helping Others Own Their Part

November 4-5—Mark Milan

Engage: _____

John 17:20-23; Ephesians 4:1-3

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Matthew 18:15; Matthew 5:2-24; Proverbs 26:20

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Galatians 6:1; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12-15

OUR TIME WITH GOD

For the full reading plan, go to SPCC.TV/Church Study & Resources

As a reminder, here's what you read last week

MONDAY:	JOB 27	PSALM 117
TUESDAY:	JOB 28	PSALM 118
WEDNESDAY:	JOB 29-30	PSALM 119:1-16
THURSDAY:	JOB 31	PSALM 119:17-32
FRIDAY:	JOB 32-33	PSALM 119:33-48
SATURDAY:	JOB 34-35	PSALM 119:49-64
SUNDAY:	JOB 36-37	PSALM 119:65-80

3 QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE EACH DAY:

1. **Observe:** What is the passage saying?
2. What does the passage tell you about God or about yourself?
3. **Hear and Respond:** What is Jesus reminding you of about Himself or His promises to you? How is He inviting you to respond to His voice today?

REFLECTING ON YOUR TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. Whether you're using SPCC's reading plan or a different one, think about the times you spent hearing and responding to Jesus this week. As you journaled your conversations with Him, what is one thing you felt Him speaking to you about?

SHARING WITH YOUR GROUP:

2. Life Group leader, ask one or two people in your group to share their answer to question number one.

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTION:

3. Is there something that stood out to you in Bryce's message this week? Do you have any questions?

Although it is often best to overlook the sins of others, there will be times when doing so only prolongs alienation and encourages them to continue acting in a hurtful matter...if you know that someone's sins are dishonoring God, damaging your relationship, hurting others, or hurting that person, one of the most loving things you can do is go and help him or her see the need for change. – Ken Sande, The Peacemaker

MY PERSPECTIVE:

4. Can you recall a time when someone gently helped you see an area where you were sinning? Describe.

DIGGING DEEPER:

*For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.
(Galatians 6:10)*

5. Read Luke 17:3-4 and Hebrews 3:12-13. Describe some fears that can hold us back from obeying God's instructions to exhort/admonish a sinning brother in Christ. Which of these fears is most paralyzing for you? Explain.

LOOKING DEEPER:

We have all met people eager to correct others – too eager! Although the Bible endorses constructive correction, it doesn't give license to go hunting for faults to correct. In fact, anyone eager to go and show others their sin isn't the right person for the job. Being overeager is often a sign of emotional and spiritual immaturity, which cripples our inability to effectively help others... Many of us feel reluctant to confront others' sin under any circumstances. We fall back on Matthew 7:1, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged," concluding that the bible forbids passing judgment on how others live. But we can be sure that Jesus isn't banning personal correction in that verse, because in the next breath he talks about the log and the speck, pointing out the necessity of admitting our part of a conflict before we address the role of others. Some avoid correcting others by saying, "Who am I to tell someone else what to do?" While we don't have a right to force our personal opinions on others, we do have a responsibility to encourage fellow believers to be faithful to God's commands, living in ways that reflect the gospel, doing for others as God has done for us. – Ken Sande, Resolving Everyday Conflict

6. If God showed you a log in your eye, describe how your first step went toward taking it out this past week. Describe any further steps you need to take.

MY RESPONSE:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...(Colossians 3:16)

7. Is loving admonishment and exhortation part of your Life Group culture? If so, what makes it work? If not, why not? As a group, talk about ways you could grow together in this area?

Nothing is so cruel as the tenderness that consigns another to his sin. Nothing can be more compassionate than the severe rebuke that calls a brother back from sin – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

8. Is there someone you need to lovingly engage with truth? Describe the steps you need to take to do that?

- If you need to apologize, follow the seven A's of a good confession