

STUDY GUIDE: “Communication”

Discussion Starters

1. With whom do you communicate well?
2. With whom do you NOT communicate well?

Study

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

--“harsh” (Proverbs 15:1)—

--“stirs up” (Proverbs 15:1)—

--“gives an answer” (Proverbs 18:13)—

--“forgiven” (Luke 7:48)—

--”admonish” (1 Corinthians 4:14)—

--”beloved” (1 Corinthians 4:14)—

--“truth” (Ephesians 4:25)—

--“give an account” (1 Peter 3:15)—

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4. Read the following passages and note what they tell you about communication. Note how this communication might differ in the body of Christ from outside the body of Christ.

Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 18:13

Luke 7:48

Romans 12:18

1 Corinthians 4:14

Ephesians 4:25

1 Peter 3:15

5. EXTRA CREDIT: Read through the Proverbs, noting on a separate piece of paper every proverb which teaches us something about communication (and what it teaches).
6. Summarize what you have learned from your Bible study about communication in the community.

Taking It Home

7. With whom do you need to improve your communication?
8. How do you need to improve your communication? When will you do this?