

'Resilient' by Sheriden Voysey, Be Corrected This Way p153

This book contains a series of short, easy to read reflections and this one focuses on how we feel about being corrected in a simple but challenging way.



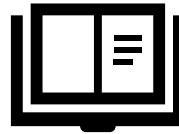
**Podcasts** *(the links are from apple because that is where I listen to my podcasts! Apologies if you use a different provider but you should be able to search for them.)*

Making Disciples with Cris Rogers: Learning to Control What We Say



## **Deeper Dive: Teach and Admonish One Another, Don't Grumble about or Slander One Another**

These resources are to help you go deeper as we explore together how we are called to be with one another as the people of God. There's lots of thoughts, ideas and resources here so use whatever is helpful and may you be blessed as you go deeper in your relationship with Jesus and one another. You might find them useful to study alone, or want to study them with others – in discipleship groups, families, couples or with a friend.



### Going Deeper: Scripture

As we think this week about some of the tough dimensions of how we are called to be with one another, 2 Timothy 3:16 is key, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness". Our calling to teach one another and challenge one another is rooted in Scripture. This isn't about getting our own way or trying to make everybody like us, instead it is about keeping our eyes focused on God and committing to journeying together in righteousness and faithfulness. So, when we teach, rebuke, challenge and correct one another, the question has to be, are my words and actions aligning with the word of God in Scripture?

This requires humility. None of us get it right and so all of us need to keep learning and at times need our behaviour, words

and attitudes challenging. The reality of being the people of God isn't always rosy. We disagree, have different preferences, and share pews with people we might otherwise avoid. When this happens it can be tempting to whinge to one another, subtly discredit one another, stir up gossip and negativity. I cannot say enough how much damage this does to the body of Christ and what this says to the wider world. It hurts to be talked about. It hurts knowing somebody didn't feel comfortable enough to talk it through with you personally. It doesn't show the world the united, authentic and loving body of Christ.

As we explore this theme this week, you are invited to reflect on this passage from 2 Timothy 3:16 alongside Colossians 3:12-17, asking the Lord to examine your heart, attitude and words.

#### Going Deeper: Reflection or Discussion and Prayer

- How do you feel about being taught by other disciples? Are there people or groups of people you find learning from a struggle? Why?
- Are you more comfortable being the teacher or the learner? How do the two connect for you?
- Has there been a time where you have been admonished? How did it feel? Did it help you grow as a disciple?
- How do you approach admonishing others, if at all? What does it look like to do this clothed in love?
- Are you tempted to slander or grumble about one another? What are more loving approaches to dealing with conflict?

- Are our relationships deep enough and strong enough to handle us teaching and admonishing one another in love? What might we need to do to deepen these relationships?

#### Going Deeper: More Resources

Each of us learns differently so here are a variety of resources that you might want to use to help you encounter God's love more deeply, grow in your love of God and yourself and enrich your commitment to love your neighbour.



#### **Music**

'Teach Me Your Way' by Richard Jensen

#### **Books/Articles**

Bridge Builders are a Christian organisation focused on handling conflict well, especially as Christians, and they have lots of useful articles for you to explore which can be found here:

<https://www.bbministries.org.uk/article-type/basic-article/>

'The Emotionally Healthy Church: A Strategy for Discipleship that Actually Changes Lives' by Peter Scazzero  
Chapter 6: Breaking the Power of the Past

This chapter focuses on doing the deep work of understanding ourselves, our past and our triggers to help us live well together as the family of God. It can be really helpful for unpacking why we behave the way we do, perhaps why we struggle to not grumble, and why we might find people tough to learn from.

