

Life Group Study Guide
TEACH ONE ANOTHER

Romans 15:14 *I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.*

The two methods of teaching in Romans 15:14 are:

- **Modeling** – the student learns from watching our example
- **Messaging** – the student learns from knowledge we impart to them

Discuss your experience with these two methods of teaching spiritual truth.

- Which one is the hardest for you and why?
- Give an example of a successful experience of teaching a spiritual principle using either method.
- Give an example of an ineffective teaching experience because modeling and messaging were in conflict.

Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God*

It is fairly normal for us to turn to human wisdom first when giving instruction to others. We do it both in our modeling and our messaging.

- Evaluate your lifestyle motivations. Are they based on human wisdom or the wisdom of Christ?
- Evaluate your verbal responses to people in need. Are they based on human wisdom or the wisdom of Christ?
- What can you do to transition from human wisdom to Christ's wisdom as the motivation for your lifestyle and your speech?

Here are Pastor John's notes from the sermon concerning how to let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

i. We hear it eagerly

1. **Matthew 13:9** *He who has ears, let him hear.*

ii. We handle it correctly

1. **2 Timothy 2:15** *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

iii. We apply it wisely

1. **Psalm 119:11** *I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

iv. We live it consistently

1. **Philippians 2:16** *holding fast to the word of life...*

When Jesus taught, He did it with compassion.

- **Matthew 9:36** *When he [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*
- **Mark 6:34** *When he [Jesus] went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.*

Why is compassion necessary to be a good teacher?

How does compassion impact the way we speak to others?

How does your motivation for speaking to someone impact how you speak to them?

- If the motivation is self-serving, how does that change the way we speak the truth?
- If the motivation is compassionate, how does that change the way we deliver the truth?

Is it important to balance the WHAT of the message with HOW the message is delivered?