

A FAMILY BUILT
TO BE SENT



UNSTOPPABLE

CHURCH



SMALL GROUP GUIDE
WEEK FIVE



The Big Idea

God does not grow us by keeping us comfortable. He often uses relationships, correction, conflict, and adversity to sharpen us into the people He has called us to become. A healthy Christian community is not a place where everyone always agrees. It is a place where people love each other enough to tell the truth, receive correction with humility, forgive quickly, and fight to protect unity.



Things to Remember

Maturity does not mean avoiding every difficult conversation. Sometimes the most loving thing you can do is tell the truth, receive the truth, forgive, ask for forgiveness, stay connected, and let it make you stronger.



Next Steps

Think about whether there is a conversation you have been avoiding. If someone came to mind during this message, take one healthy step this week. Go directly to them, alone and in love. Ask questions before making accusations. Remember the mercy God has shown you, extend grace and forgiveness, and refuse to carry offenses that do not belong to you. Thick skin and a soft heart!



Icebreakers

1. What's something difficult you went through that ultimately made you stronger or wiser?
2. Do you typically struggle with constructive criticism or do you thrive with it?



Discussion Questions

1. Read Proverbs 27:17 and Proverbs 27:6. Scripture compares healthy relationships to iron sharpening iron, and says that wounds from a sincere friend can actually be valuable. Why do you think God often uses other people, and sometimes uncomfortable conversations, to grow us? How can you tell the difference between someone trying to sharpen you and someone simply trying to hurt you?
2. Read Ephesians 4:14–15. Paul connects spiritual maturity with “speaking the truth in love.” The message said, “Truth without love wounds. Love without truth abandons.” Which side do you naturally lean toward; truth without enough grace, or grace without enough truth? What would it look like for you to grow in the other direction?
3. Read Hebrews 12:11 and Philippians 1:6. God is committed to continuing the work He began in us, but growth is not always comfortable. What area of your life do you sense God currently stretching or developing you? How has an uncomfortable season actually been preparation for something God wanted to do through you?
4. Read Proverbs 6:16–19. The message described offense as a seed the enemy uses to create isolation and division. Why is unresolved offense so dangerous inside a church body? What is the difference between being genuinely hurt by someone and allowing that hurt to become division?



Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for loving us enough to grow us. Give us humility when we need correction and courage when we need to have difficult conversations. Help us speak truth with love, forgive quickly, refuse gossip and division, and protect the unity of Your church. Use the people around us to sharpen us, and make us people who build Your family rather than divide it. Amen.

Prayer Requests

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