

C3 GROUP QUESTIONS

F2022-WEEK 4

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Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- According to a survey of U.S. adults conducted July 13-19, 2020:

About two-thirds of Americans (64%) say social media have a mostly negative effect on the way things are going in the country today, according to a Pew Research Center survey of U.S. adults conducted July 13-19, 2020. Just one-in-ten Americans say social media sites have a mostly positive effect on the way things are going, and one-quarter say these platforms have a neither positive nor negative effect. (Auxier 2020, accessed 9/22/22,

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/10/15/64-of-americans-say-social-media-have-a-mostly-negative-effect-on-the-way-things-are-going-in-the-u-s-today/>, Pew Research Center)

How do you handle criticism on social media?

Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture/Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

1) Scripture/Observation:

- A. Read Matt. 7:3-4. Why do you suppose some individuals have harsh critical attitudes towards others?

- B. Read Matt. 26:6-13. How does this story illustrate how a harsh critical attitude presumes to know unknown motives?

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C. Read Matt. 12:34-35. Why does a harsh critical attitude reflect a critical heart?

2) Application:

A. Read Matt. 7:3-4. What is the first step in defeating harsh criticism?

B. Read Eph. 4:31-32. Secondly, why is it important for us to consider our new life in Christ Jesus?

C. Read Gal. 5:14-15. Thirdly, what should be checked before we share?

3) Prayer: Harsh criticism can be offensive and lead to responses of sinful anger. Ask the Lord to help you to recognize and defeat a harsh critical attitude that may spring up in you. Ask Him to help you to speak words of encouragement and life. Ask Him to help you extend grace, mercy, forgiveness to those who offend you. Also ask him to help you love others regardless of the situation.

“Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing”.
(Prov. 12:18 NLT)