

August 28th, Growing in Groups
Part 5 in the series 'Thinking for a Change'

What were some things from Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Read:

Proverbs 11:14

Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 15:22

Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 20:18

Plans are established by seeking advice; so if you wage war, obtain guidance.

Proverbs 24:6

For by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory.

How would you summarize the main point these verses are making?

How have you seen this to be true in your own life?

How can God use others to renew our minds?

How can putting these proverbs into practice help us see the distortions in our negative beliefs?

What are some of the benefits you have experienced from being a part of a community group?

Read Galatians 6:1-2

Brothers and sisters, if a person is discovered in some sin, you who are spiritual restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness. Pay close attention to yourselves, so that you are not tempted too. Carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Why is it important to restore people in a spirit of gentleness?

What does it mean to carry one another's burdens?

How can letting someone else carry your burden be a way of helping them carry their burden?

Read Proverbs 13:20

Walk with the wise and become wise,

for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Who have you walked with that has helped you become wiser?
What fools have caused you to suffer harm?