

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1071: Should Christians Criticize Anyone?

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See:  CQ Rewind
SHOW NOTES

1. Why do we need to be criticized or evaluated? What is David showing us about evaluating ourselves? (See Psalms 19:12-14)
2. Why did the Apostle Paul criticize the Corinthians? How did he do it (what methods did he use)? (See 1 Corinthians 3:1-6)
3. Though we should rarely use it, what are five steps to appropriately deliver harsh criticism? What are the objectives of harsh criticism? (See 2 Samuel 12:7-12 and CQ Rewind Show Notes)
4. How did God know that Nathan's difficult and devastating criticism of David had worked? (See 2 Samuel 12:13,14, Matthew 12:20)
5. What does it mean to 'deliver criticism selflessly'? What are some experiences in your own life where you have either been the deliverer or recipient of criticism and what was the end result?
6. What is the difference between constructive criticism and destructive criticism? When have you been the recipient of both of these types of criticism and how did you react based on how it was delivered?
7. How did Stephen respond to very public, very harsh, and potentially very dangerous criticism while in a public debate? What public forums are we likely to encounter, and in what ways can we respond like Stephen? (See Acts 6:8-14, 7:1-4,51-60)
8. How should we handle harsh and unloving criticism of ourselves? (See Psalms 62:5-8, Colossians 3:23-25, 2 Timothy 2:22-26, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)
9. What do we need to understand before we criticize someone else? (See Romans 14:1-4, Matthew 7:3-5, Proverbs 18:12,13, 2 Timothy 3:16,17)
10. What pattern for criticism are we given to follow when our emotions are high? (See Hebrews 10:19-25)
11. What ways can you work on both receiving and delivering criticism in your own life?