



Small Group Conversation Guide

Lent 2023

Small Group Lesson: Week 4

Message: Am I the Problem? Pearl Pushers

Main Idea: My problem is I give unsolicited advice.

Main Scripture: Matthew 7:6

Group Check In: When you were a teenager, who was an adult in your life from whom you were open to receiving advice? Why him or her?

Prayer

Connect: What tends to be your first response when someone starts to give you unsolicited advice?

Video 10 Minutes

In the Word:

1. Matthew 7:6

- What are examples of the “sacred” and the “pearls” to which Jesus is referring?
- Why might anyone who is offered something sacred or valuable respond negatively?

2. Proverbs 27:14

- What is the importance of timing when it comes to sharing our advice, wisdom or insights with others?

Application:

1. What are the drivers that might trigger a parent to be a “pearl pusher” towards their child?
2. What are ways to gauge someone’s openness to receiving your input? What about their openness to hearing about Jesus?
3. If you are a parent or grandparent, who are the other adults who can help speak wisdom in your child’s life when they are not open to your “pearls”?
4. How will you become less of a “pearl pusher” this week?

Prayer Lord, I let go of my desire to control other people. I let go of my expectations and trust you have a plan for them. Keep me from being a “pearl pusher”. Keep me from forcing my wisdom, my insights, and my agenda. Even though I love them, help me to see you love them even more and you are always working for their good. I release them into your care and trust you are working in their lives even when I can’t see it. In Jesus name, amen.