

Stuff We Don't Want to Talk About

Session 2: Language



Discussion questions:

How much do you think about what you say before you say it?

Describe a time when words you said were either helpful or destructive to others. What was the outcome?

Describe a time when words you heard were either helpful or destructive to you. What was the outcome?

Premise: God cares about the words we use.

Points to consider:

Words have tremendous power (Psalm 19:14, Proverbs 18:21, Ephesians 4:29)

How we speak is evidence of the condition of our souls (Matthew 12:33-37, Colossians 3:5-10)

Words and actions can produce similar outcomes (Ephesians 5:1-21, James 3:1-18)

Easy decisions about language:

Encouragement (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Evangelism (Proverbs 10:11, 1 Peter 3:14-16a)

Empathy (Romans 12:14-18)

Difficult decisions about language:

Conflict (Ephesians 4:26, James 1:19, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Proverbs 15:18)

Correction (Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Corinthians 4:8-13, Ephesians 4:15-16)

Comedy and sarcasm (1 Kings 18:26-27, Proverbs 26:18-19, John 4:17-18)

Takeaways:

Check the condition of your soul. How is your language affected by your spiritual condition?

Examine your speaking patterns. How much is Scripture dictating what you say?

Measure your comedic/sarcastic responses. Are they glorifying to God?