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“Speak Life With Your Words”

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### INTRODUCTION

Scripture speaks often about the power of our words—the words we use every day, whether in speech, text, email, or on social media. Our words have the power of life or death. If you want to change the life you have, you must change the words you speak.

### FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Proverbs 18:21** says “The tongue holds the power of life and death.” How were words used in your family of origin? How have you been affected by life-taking and life-giving words spoken to you? Who encourages you with their words?
2. **Read James 3:3-5**. Share an example of how words started a “fire” in your life, or the life of someone close to you.
3. Thinking of the “Word Audit” exercise Tyler led during the message, do you tend to speak more life-taking or life-giving words to yourself? What about to others? Why?
4. The **BIG IDEA** for this message was, “If you want to change the life you have, you must change the words you speak.” What is one area of your life where you want to change the words you speak? Why? What tangible benefits will likely result from the change?
5. **Luke 6:45** says, “Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.” When thinking about HOW to change your words to speak LIFE, Step 1 is “*Start with your heart.*” What are 1-2 actions you can take to improve the state of your heart, so your words will be more life-giving?
6. **Read Psalm 19:14**. Step 2 was “*Make this your prayer.*” How can prayer help change our words?
7. **Read Ephesians 4:29**. Step 3 was “*If you can’t say something helpful—SKIP IT.*” Give an example of how this can improve relationships that are important to you.
8. **Read Proverbs 16:24 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11**. The last action step was, “*If you think something good—SAY IT.*” Why is verbal encouragement so important to our relationships—especially nowadays?

### COMMIT TO MEMORY

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be pleasing to you, oh Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

**Psalm 19:14**

**PRAYER**

Pray for one another—that God would help each of you make the conscious choice to change the words you speak, and to speak life-giving words!