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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

April 21, 2024 | Words Really Matter: Building Hearts



### GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) What were some slang words that were common when you were growing up?
- 2) Share about a God moment you experienced this past week.



### MESSAGE REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Share about something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
- 2) Read **Ephesians 4:29 & 5:1-4 & Proverbs 18:21** together. What jumps out at you from these verses & passages?
- 3) How does the statement “I am the gatekeeper of my mouth” change your perspective on the words you speak?
- 4) What does it look like to speak words that are for other’s needs?  
(*ex. flattery vs encouragement*)
- 5) Why is it so much more difficult to build up another person’s heart than it is to tear it down?
- 6) Read **Proverbs 12:18** together. Share about a time you’ve found healing through words spoken by someone else.
- 7) Why do some words weigh more than others? How should the Christ follower respond to good weighty words? Bad weighty words?
- 8) Walk through the three ways you can speak life to others. How are these three the same? How are they different?



## GOING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

READ Ecclesiastes 10:12-14 together.

- 1) What jumps out at you from this passage that is interesting or thought-provoking?
- 2) What are some examples of gracious words? Why are gracious words the result of wisdom?
- 3) How can you become a person known for their gracious words?
- 4) How is it possible for a fool to be consumed by his or her words?
- 5) Why do fools multiply their words? To what end?
- 6) Why is there a temptation for people to talk foolishly about what may or may not happen in the future?
- 7) Go around the room and share gracious words with the person on your right.



## LIVING IT OUT \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Be intentional with your words. Who can you gift with extra encouragement, edification, or gentle correction this week?
- 2) When/If you use words to tear down or destroy, be quick to confess your sin to God and others and ask for forgiveness.



## LIFT EACH OTHER UP \_\_\_\_\_

*Take some time to pray for each other.*

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