

Called to Be... a follower of the Word

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Introduction:

1. Words are_____.
2. The _____ condemns, it judges, it crushes.

God's word is not only powerful; it actually has the ability to do exactly what it says.

- A. The Word of God, through which all things were made, and by which God communicates with us, became flesh in Jesus Christ!
 1. Jesus calls Philip with 2 words, " _____ "
 2. John 1:47 "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false. "
- B. The Word is not a judge without power, but is able to create; even out of nothing.
 1. He _____, it _____.
 2. Isaiah 55:11 puts it like this... " my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."
- C. God's Word accomplishes what God wants it to accomplish. It is true of the _____word, but it is also true of the Word _____.

Powerful Words

1. "It is finished"
2. "This is my body, broken for you..."
3. "I have called you by name, you are mine"
4. "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."
5. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Conclusion: He speaks, it happens.

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Digging Deeper Discussion Questions

Thought Starters:

When was a time that words had a major impact on your life?

When have you spoken words that impacted someone else?

What words do you want on your tomb-stone?

Digging:

Look at 1 Samuel 3:1-21

1 Sam 3:7 says Samuel did not yet know the LORD. What do you think this means, knowing that Samuel would be a prophet?

1 Sam 3:19 says that "none of his words fell to the ground" in reference to Samuel. What do you think this means?

Look at John 1:43-51

What does Nathan's question in v.46 tell us about Jesus home town? How does this fit in with the rest of Jesus life of humble beginnings/ending?

What "greater things" will the disciples see? v.50

Reflecting:

What words has God spoken to you in his Word that now mean the most to you?

What does it mean for you to know that God has the power to speak, and things happen?

When have you stepped out to follow Christ, responding to his word?