



## Growth Group Homework

### Warm Up

1. What's the most destructive fire you've seen? Have you ever been impacted by a fire?

### Talk it Over

2. What in the message did you find interesting, challenging or helpful?
3. Our words have tremendous power for good because God made us in his image. However, due to sin, our words also have power for evil. Sarcasm, gossip, and quarreling are three types of speech that cause damage. If those close to you were to evaluate your speech, which of these would they say you do most often? Why?
4. It's common to control our speech in some situations (ex: a courtroom, first date, etc.) but then allow it to flow unfiltered in others (ex: work, marriage, etc.). What are the situations where you are prone to let your speech be unfiltered? Why do you think this is?
5. Jesus tells us that our words flow from our hearts (Matthew 12:34-36). We cannot change our own hearts – that is the work of the Holy Spirit. The following verses identify actions we are responsible for to cooperate with the Holy Spirit as he changes us. Read each verse and identify the actions we are responsible for.

### Galatians 5:16-18

### Proverbs 18:13

### Hebrews 10:24-25

### Ephesians 4:29-30

### 2 Timothy 3:14-17

### Romans 12:12

- As you consider your journey in walking with the Holy Spirit, which of the actions identified in these verses has regularly helped you with your speech?
- Which of these actions would you benefit from growing in?

### Take it Home

6. What's something from this discussion you can apply this week?