

“The Words We Use”

Selected Scripture

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1. Did you have a teacher who had a huge impact on you by something they said, positive or negative? Share your story.

2. Who else in your life do you credit for their positive influence by the words they spoke?

Our words matter.

- Paul told the church in Ephesus that our lives will be different as we follow Christ. He used the picture of “taking off” the old and “putting on” the new.

Read: Eph 4:17-32

3. What do you remember about the context of Ephesians 4?

4. What are some of the reasons Christians lie?

Read: James 3:2-12

5. Discuss the power of the tongue. How have you seen such destruction from someone’s speech? This can happen so easily. How do we protect ourselves from starting a wildfire with our words?

6. What damage can happen when words are harmful?

7. How do our words reflect our heart? (Matt 12:34) Give some examples:

8. How can our words “give life”? Eph 4:15; 5:4; Acts 5:20

9. Give examples or experiences on how words have blessed you:

 Affirmation

🎬 Encouragement

🎬 Correction

🎬 Wisdom

10. Do the words you say reflect the heart of God towards others?

- Other scriptures for reference: Psalm 37:30; Ecc 9:17; 10:12; Pro 16:24; 25:11-12
- Any other verses come to mind that encourage 'good words'?

11. Choose Your Words. How can you act on this study? How can others in the group help you?

- Remember, we all make mistakes. God is quick to forgive, and we should always be quick to seek forgiveness when we misspeak towards others. God's love changes everything. He loves us unconditionally. Let's honor Him with our words.

