

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of August 2, 2015

This Week's Focus: Words are powerful and can be used for destruction or construction. Jesus is the ultimate Word who remedies our sin and empowers us to live on mission to proclaim the Gospel.

"Jesus was the only person in all of history who never spoke an unguarded, self-indulgent word. He never opened his lips in a wrong way, not once, ever. He never spoke when silence was better, and every word he did speak was perfect." **Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.**

Related Texts: Proverbs 18:20 – 21, 6:16-19, 12:22, 14:25, 16:23

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What was most inspiring about this week's sermon/text?
- What is godly wisdom? What is the goal of living in wisdom? Why is it still important today that we live according to the wisdom of Proverbs? How do we live in godly wisdom?
- Read Proverbs 18:20-21. What does it mean that "death and life are in the power of the tongue?" What are some examples of how words have effectively shaped culture and social behavior for good or for bad?
- Read Proverbs 6:16-19. Which of the 7 abominations refer to the use of words?
- How do lies have momentary benefit, yet result in long term damage? Reference Proverbs 12:19. Contrast how lies exist only "for a moment," but truth "endures forever?" How does this apply to the Gospel?
- Read Proverbs 10:19. Discuss the foolishness of saying too much or speaking too quickly. Do you struggle with speaking too often or too quickly? Are you careless or careful with your use of words on social media?

- What does it mean that lying (and all destructive communication) is an abomination to the Lord? Reference Proverbs 12:22. How are destructive words antithetical to God's nature and character?
- Read Proverbs 15:4. Discuss how gentle words can constructively encourage and build up others.
- How do we know when to speak, when to be silent, and what words are most appropriate? Reference Proverbs 16:21-24. Why is it important to be a good listener? Reference James 1:19-20.
- Who is the ultimate Word? Reference John 1:1-18. How does the Gospel motivate us to pursue righteous speech?
- What are some practical ways we can use our words in our daily lives to encourage one another, build up the church, and magnify Jesus?

Next Week's Text: Work and Finances