

THE WAY | GENEROSITY

SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

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MY STORY

1. When you were growing up, did your family have “house rules” for language? If so, what were they? (For example: rinse mouth out with soap, apologies, etc.)
2. What has been the kindest or most memorable compliment you have ever received? In what ways did it affect you?

IN REVIEW

From last week’s “Taking it Home” section, what did your actual time with God look like on a day-to-day? Were you encouraged or held accountable within your group? You were also asked to dig into God’s will; how did that unfold in your week and time alone with God?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What was one sentence or phrase that made the most impact on you from Pastor John’s teaching?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 and answer the following questions:
Reread the verses out loud once more. This time, view the verses through the perspective of the words we use.
 - a. How can these verses apply specifically to the words we use in relationship with others?
 - b. Share about a time you have been hurt by someone’s words. Has that exchange of words been resolved?
 - c. Reflect on a time when you have hurt someone with your words. Has that exchange of words been resolved? What was said?

CALL TO ACTION | WORDS HOLD WEIGHT: Choose a person, or people to encourage with your words this week. Be specific in what you are encouraging them in. Make it a point to encourage someone, or the same person, each day throughout the week.

3. Read Ephesians 4:29-30 and answer the following questions:
 - a. Reread verse 29. According to this verse, what is the purpose of our words?

 - b. What are some specific ways we can build other people up with our words and with our time?

 - c. Reread verse 30. In what ways can we sadden, or grieve, God with our words? Aside from the Holy Spirit in us, how can we be made aware of the weight of our words?

CALL TO ACTION | BE AWARE: This week, simply be aware of your thoughts and the words that come out of your mouth. There is much healing, even through awareness. From being aware (whether the thoughts/words are positive, neutral, or negative), make a productive next step. *Next steps could simply be awareness, asking for forgiveness, holding thoughts captive (2 Corinthians 10:5), replacing them with truth.*

4. Read James 3:3-10 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What are the illustrations of the tongue in these verses?

 - b. Why are the illustrations from above so fitting when compared to the tongue.

 - c. Reread verse 8. If this verse is true, what is the purpose of trying to “tame our tongue”?

5. Jesus, Peter, and Paul, were not always “tame” when it came to the tongue. When is harsh language, spoken in truth with grace, acceptable and necessary?

Read John 1:14 and Proverbs 27:5-6.

TAKING IT HOME

6. In one or two sentences, how are you going to practically put the “Call To Action” sections from above into practice this week?

CALL TO ACTION | WORDS HOLD WEIGHT:

CALL TO ACTION | BE AWARE: