



FROM THE BIBLE
Galatians 5:14-15 (NLT)
Proverbs 12:18 (NLT)
Proverbs 21:19 (NLT)
Romans 15:13 (NIV)
John 3:17 (NIV)

MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

My Big Fat Mouth // Week 2 // Criticism

1. Have you ever criticized a style, fad, technology, movie, book, etc but then ended up participating in it or enjoying it? Share what comes to mind.
2. This message was all about criticism. We defined it as *the critical, nit-picky, unkind, & cruel things that we say to each other*. Read Galatians 5:14-15. What happens when we criticize each other? What should we be doing?
3. Read Proverbs 12:18. Discuss the 2 types of people that verse describes. In this message we said we get to chose if we are going to be a *fault finder* or *hope dealer*. What do you think are some things that a *fault finder* & a *hope dealer* might do?
4. In this message, Joel said, *you have no idea how much a single word of criticism can cut someone down & stick with them for years*. Are there any critical words that have been said to you that are still stuck to you?
5. In this message, Joel said, *you have no idea how much a single word of encouragement can build someone up & change their life*. Have any positive words spoken about you, shifted your life?
6. Read Romans 15:13. The Pharisees and the Devil were fault finders. From the verse you read, God is gives us hope. How has God given you hope?
7. Read John 3:17. Did Jesus come to criticize us or was God offering all of us hope? Does the answer to that give you hope, personally?
8. How would you like to change the words that you say after this message & conversation?



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