

GATHRING INSIGHTS

SERIES: **Proverbs: Walking in Wisdom**

TITLE: **Wise Words**

BIG IDEA: Words of wisdom don't just reveal our heart, but give us a tool to bring healing, hope, and love to a world that needs it.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read **Proverbs 15:1-7**

What are the positive potential for words and

what are some the negative potential for words?

What is the connection between words and knowledge? What do the words of the fool create?

Read **Proverbs 18:4-8**

If wisdom is like a bubbling brook rather than a fire hydrant, how should this change the way we share advice, correction, or knowledge with others?

Why should we put limitations to our words? What are the benefits of making sure we have a filter for our words?

What are benefits of the way we deliver our words? How can our delivery cause more harm than good when it comes to offering guidance?

Read **Matthew 12:33-37**

How does the statement 'out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks' challenge you to examine what your recent words reveal about the condition of your heart?

How does it make you feel with Jesus statement, you will be justified or condemned by your words?

GROWING IN CHRIST

Considering that Jesus said we will give account for every careless word, how should this reality shape the way we communicate on social media and in everyday conversations?

How did Christ use his words? Who did Jesus use the most harsh words with and who did Jesus use words of compassion?

LIVING AS A FAMILY

Who is someone in your church family that has used words to encourage you in your walk for Christ?

Why do you think it is easier to focus on and talk about the faults of others rather than address our own issues, and how can we break this pattern?

SHARING THE GOSPEL

How can we use our words as a tool to bring healing, hope, and love to those who are marginalized or unable to speak for themselves in our society?

How does the concept that words create worlds apply to the environment you are creating in your home, workplace, or community through your daily speech?