

Small Group Questions March 19th
Family Matters #3 – Words Matter – Pastor Steve

Matthew 12:33-37 Proverbs 11:12,29 12:18, 13:3, 14:3 15:1, 18:21 James 3:9-10

1. Can you remember a time when someone spoke positive words to you it made a significant impact in your life?

Proverbs 16:32, 17:27, 29:20

Pastor Steve encouraged us with these applications regarding our words:

- A. Don't call each other names B. Don't Exaggerate C. Don't raise your voice
- B. Don't be Historical E. Don't threaten Divorce F. Don't Criticize
- 2. Which one of these statements feels the most convicting to you?
- 3. What happens when we call someone a name?
- 4. What is the danger in Exaggeration?
- 5. What happens when we raise our voice in a discussion versus continuing to talk without raising our voice?
- 6. Why is it unfair to bring up our past hurts in a discussion with someone?
- 7. Why is it so important that we don't threaten Divorce or even allow it to be spoken of in our discussions with our spouse?
- 8. Criticism is easy to give and hard to receive. How can you share your hurt feelings with someone without being critical to them?

Proverbs 12:25, 16:24 Ephesians 4:29

- 9. How do you feel when someone encourages you?
 Do you find it difficult to encourage your spouse or someone else that you are close to?
- 10. Ephesians 4:15 tells us to speak the Truth in Love. Share with the group how you would like to Speak the Truth in Love with someone in your life.