

Slow to Speak

WEEK 3- MY WORDS HAVE POWER: SARCASM

BIG IDEA:

God desires that we control our tongues, despite our situations. Here's the problem, sarcasm is actually the exact opposite of being slow to speak. Over time, sarcasm can breed mistrust in relationships. Our words have power, they set the course of direction and have lasting effects on the lives of others.

KEY VERSE:

MATTHEW 8: 5-10 & 13, "When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What role does sarcasm play in your everyday language? What could it be costing you?

Key Point #1: My Words are Powerful when I am Humble

2. What tone do your words set for you home?
3. Are you someone who asks for help? Is that difficult for you? How so?

Key Point #2: My words are Powerful when I am under God's Authority

4. What does it mean to hear the voice of God? What would it look like for you to be meek with your words (waiting for Him to lead before you speak)?

Key Point #3: My Words are Powerful when They Benefit Others

5. What relationship(s) could you really influence with your words right now? What would that look like?
6. Is there a specific relationship that you want to see some healing in? Some life breathed into?

MOVING FORWARD:

Your words have power; they have the power to set the course of your life. What practical step do you need to take this week in the way that you speak to the people around you to fully leverage the power you have with your words?