

My Big Fat Mouth (Week 2)

Craig Groeschel – 29 July 2018

Discussion and Questions:

1. Discuss the difference between constructive feedback and criticizing. What needs to happen for us to be able to receive the first one well and dismiss the other?
2. Our words have power. First, can anyone share an example of words spoken to them that cut down and hurt, even if it was a long time ago? In what ways has this experience impacted you?
3. Now let's hear some examples of when words of life, hope and encouragement were spoken to you. A compliment, even. Were they enough to cancel out any negative speech? Why or why not?
4. Craig asked us who do we want to be - a fault finder or a hope dealer? Fault finding is derived from our sin nature and mirrors the way the Devil conducts himself. Give reasons people choose to speak harshly to another. (Craig said insecurity caused him to be critical). Are any of them true justification to behave that way?
5. Hope dealing is the business Jesus is in. (See 1 Peter 1:3, Titus 2:12-14 and 1 Timothy 1:1) How can we allow the truth that Jesus is our hope change the way we speak to others?
6. Now we understand that our words can have a deep impact either way on those we speak them to (including ourselves), and whichever choice we make aligns us with either Jesus or the Evil One, what steps can we take to set us on a better path than being critical? Is there someone you need to apologise to for things you've said in the past? Is there someone you need to forgive? Pray together now for the courage, timing and strength to do so.

Upcoming dates:

Iggy overnights – Boys 4/5th August and Girls 11/12th August

Mental Health and the Church – Thursday August 9th

Young adults bowling night – Friday August 10th