

GET WISDOM

A SERIES IN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Discussion Questions 7/23/23

The Danger and Power of the Tongue

Intro: Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me. Ever heard that phrase? The problem is it is not true. Words have so much power. Words can hurt, words can empower, and words will impact every relationship around you. So what in the world do we do with the tongue? We learn to tame it so that we can listen like Jesus does and we get wisdom so we can speak with grace and truth like Jesus does.

Story: When was the last time your tongue got you in trouble? It is often that we say something we regret rather than listening. On the other hand, God is the perfect listener. Can you share a time you prayed and, in a way, felt like God might not even be listening, only to have him reveal later that he was listening all along?

Read: Proverbs 18:21

1. Our passage says that death and life are in the tongue. Why does the author of this Proverb put this kind of weight on the tongue?
2. Read James 1:16-27. This passage says that we were given birth through the **word** of truth. Yet James then goes on to tell how dangerous the tongue is. We are called to speak, and yet warned about speaking. Give practical examples of how God wants you to use words and what he does not want to hear from you.
3. Read Proverbs 17:27-28. Spend 2-3 minutes meditating on this passage and then discuss how you can practically apply this to your life in a new way?
4. Isaiah saw the presence of God and immediately it was his tongue/lips that he knew were unclean. This was a prophet. A man whose job it was to speak on behalf of God and yet that's what he knew was unclean. As the church, God dwells in us. Considering Isaiah, what should our prayer life look like around our words?
5. Rather than asking another question, I want to ask that before the group prayer time you add time to pray to God asking him to identify a specific person in your life and ask him what he would want you to say to them on his behalf.

Pray for:

- Wisdom.
- Patience to listen.
- Words that would bless those around you