

Proverbs: The Tongue

DISCUSSION GUIDE



LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.

SUMMARY:

As we continue our summer series in the proverbs of King Solomon, this week we examine the subject of our speech (What the Bible often refers to as simply “the tongue”). Often in the Scriptures, we read about how our tongues can be used in a negative, evil fashion. However, in this particular passage in Proverbs chapter 15, the emphasis is on how we can use our tongues to do good rather than evil. This week’s sermon unpacks ways we can use our words to do positive, helpful, and impactful things.

Key Passages: Proverbs 18:21, 15:4; 12:18

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the “Grow” section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone’s week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or “connection” activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

We should use our words to spread truth. Pure, unadulterated truth comes from God and His Word. What are ways sharing God’s truth with our words can be impactful? If you can think of one, give a personal example of a time you’ve done this.

Our words can be used to help bring healing to people. It happens when we operate as true, biblical peacemakers. Describe what the term peacemaker means to you. What are ways you have been or aspire to be a peacemaker?

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

Our words can be used to literally unleash the power of the God of the universe. This happens as Christians pray. Do you honestly believe in the power of prayer? Talk about a time when you feel you’ve seen God’s power unleashed because of your personal prayer.

Because our lives are often a rollercoaster of ups and downs, we can fall prey to the mistake of being thoughtless with our words, or neglecting to build others up with them when it’s needed. What are some practical ways you can ensure that your words are most often said with thoughtfulness behind them? What other mistakes might we make when trying to use our words in an edifying way?