

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Grow UP in Speech

Proverbs 17:1-9; James 3

'...God's Word is not only true; it is transformative'

'From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Reread James 3:1-12

Why is the tongue described as the most influential part of the body?

Is there any 'thing' that is more influential in more aspects of our lives than our words?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Do you give proper respect to the words you use and the power they hold? What are some of the outcomes when you have not done so that you have experienced?

Are you using your words to teach truth wherever God has placed you? How has that focus, or lack of focus, impacted your relationships and conversations?

Are you selective about what you say, when you say it, and how you say it? Would others say that about you?

What does it mean to use your words to worship and glorify God in your everyday speech? Is that something you see in yourself?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

How do our words give insight into the heart of a person? What does this teach us about how we need to use our own words?

When you are speaking do you consider: Why am I saying it? Is it wholly true? Is it necessary to say? Is it appropriate to the audience? Will I ever regret saying it? Is my tone appropriate? Am I saying it to the right person? Does it glorify God, or at least not dishonour Him?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Will you consider the power of your words this week and the impact they can have on others?

Will you be purposeful in how you use your words starting this week for the glory of God?