

10/12 Sermon Discussion Guide

The Power of Words

2025.10.12

Leader Info

Announcements

- Fall Workday
 - October 18th
 - 9:00am - 12:00pm
- Middle School Retreat
 - October 31st - November 2nd
 - Register online
- Open Gym
 - November 3rd
 - 9:00am - 11:00am
 - A casual space for parents to connect and for kids to run around, play, and have fun! No need to sign up, just meet us in the gym!
- Family Forum
 - November 9th
 - 6:30pm - 8:00pm
 - A chance to come and connect with others as we lean in and listen to where God is leading us as a church and how we can participate.

Leader notes

Athletes give themselves over fully to a support, and Paul picks up on this theme in I Corinthians 9 when he says *“Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”* Being a disciple of Jesus involves dedicated commitment to Jesus. Responding to God’s unearned grace and following the way of righteousness and life requires commitment and effort.

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Other Scripture used

- Matthew 12:36-37
- Proverbs 25:11
- Proverbs 15:1
- Proverbs 25:15
- Ephesians 4:15

Questions for the group

Checking in

1. Highs / Lows from the week.
2. What’s a childhood game or toy that you remember loving as a kid
3. Check in on any action steps from the week before.

Quick review

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

Getting Practical

1. Are you more of a talker or a listener? Why do you think that is?

2. Have you ever experienced the 'power of the tongue' in either a negative or a positive way?
3. Do you think people should filter and hold back their words? Why or why not?
4. Is there ever a place for being raw and unfiltered? Is it ever ok to use your words if they would hurt someone?
5. Thinking of your actual life, what are some practical examples of ways you currently use your tongue that you think you probably shouldn't?
6. Brainstorm a list of some loving ways God wants us to use our tongue. Is there anything from that list that feels significantly relevant for you this week?

Looking Forward / Action Steps

Prayerfully reflect on the following questions

- Do a 'tongue' audit. How do you use your words?
- Think through your different relationships and environments. Where do you use harsh words? Where does God want to affirm the life giving words you use?

Practice

- Choose one environment or relationship to focus on and try to filter your harsh words.
- Choose one environment or relationship to focus on and try to focus on speaking life-giving words.

Prayer Requests