

Root Words

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Outline & Small Group Homework

Week of March 22, 2015

A good communicator...

Knows the weight of their words

Humbly listens to direction

Builds up

Seeks to understand

A bad communicator...

Speaks maliciously

Babbles about nothing

Can't wait to speak their mind

Secretly destroys

Now What?

Know that your words come from your heart

Accept brokenness and Repent

Ask for a restored heart centered on the grace of Jesus

Small Group Homework

For the Week of March 22, 2015

(Questions and Scriptures for Small Group Time)

GETTING STARTED

1. As you look back on this weekend's sermon, what stands out to you as particularly helpful, difficult, or insightful?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

2. Growing up, how did your family talk to one another?

Would you consider your family to be loud, quiet, or somewhere in between?

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

3. To gain a biblical understanding of the power our words have, read the following verses:

Proverbs 18:31 Matthew 12:36-37 Luke 6:45 Ephesians 4:29-32 James 1:26

What are three teachings from those verses that stand out to you?

1)

2)

3)

DIGGING DEEPER

4. Who are some people in your life that you are sure to listen to when they speak? Why?

5. Do you agree with this statement: "You always say what you mean." Why do you think that?

6. Why is a heart change necessary if we are going to go from being bad to good communicators? How does that change happen?

TAKING IT HOME

7. Practice the following this week:

- Have I spoken or thought unkindly of anyone?
- Am I justifying myself by caricaturing (in my mind) someone else?
- Have I been impatient and irritable?
- Have I been self-absorbed and indifferent and inattentive to people?

Repent like this: Consider the free grace of Jesus until there is:

A) No coldness or unkindness (think of the sacrificial love of Christ for me)

B) No impatience (think of His patience with me)

C) No indifference (as I consider His love and death for me)

PRAYER REQUESTS
