

The Power of Our Words – Part 2: Jesus, Our Great Physician

In this powerful sermon on the impact of our words, we explore how speaking life or death can profoundly affect our relationships and circumstances. Through Biblical insights and practical examples, we're challenged to consider the weight of our words and encouraged to use them wisely to build up others and align with God's purposes.

This sermon emphasizes:

- Words have the power to bring life or death to situations and relationships
- God created the world with words and Jesus used words to perform miracles
- Speaking life involves encouragement, prophecy and using Scripture
- Correction given in love can be life-giving when done with the right motives
- Speaking death includes gossip, slander, complaining and speaking out of fear or anger
- Changing our speech habits can have a significant impact on our relationships
- We should strive to speak life while being sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance

Key Scriptures:

- "Death and life are in the power of the tongue And those who love it will eat its fruit." Proverbs 18:21 (NASB1995):
- "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life." John 6:63 (NASB1995):
- "And the tongue is a fire the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body and sets on fire the course of our life and is set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds of reptiles and creatures of the sea is tamed and has been tamed by the human race." James 3:6-7 (NASB1995)
- "Watch over your heart with all diligence For from it flow the springs of life." Proverbs 4:23 (NASB1995):

Table Questions:

These are questions based on the scriptures and sermon to help you put the teaching into practice. They can be used in discipleship, Lifegroup, as a family or with whoever is around your table this summer.

1. How have you experienced the power of words in your own life either positively or negatively?
2. In what ways do you think our words reveal the condition of our hearts?
3. Can you share an example of a time when someone's encouraging words made a significant impact on you?

4. How might speaking Scripture into difficult situations change our perspective and outcomes?
5. What are some practical ways we can guard against speaking death into our relationships or circumstances?
6. How can we lovingly correct others in a way that brings life rather than condemnation?
7. Reflect on a time when you had to choose between believing negative words spoken over you or God's truth. How did you handle it?
8. In what area of your life do you need to start speaking more life-giving words?
9. How can we create a culture of encouragement within our church community?
10. What steps can you take this week to be more intentional about the words you speak to yourself and others?