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Small Group Homework

For the week of: November 5, 2017

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Can you remember a time when somebody said something to you that had a long-term effect on your life (good or bad)?
2. What is the one thing you wish you could take back that you may have said to another person?
3. What is your favorite quote from a book or movie?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Tim talked to us from James 3 this week. This chapter is known as the *Taming of the Tongue* chapter. According to James, our tongue seems to possess the power of life and even death. Read James 3:2. What are the implications of this verse?

Is James simply saying we need to employ more filters in our speech or something else?

2. Read the following verses. What do each have in common with each other and what aspect of our speech do they address?

James 3:3-8

Ephesians 4:29

Ephesians 5:4

Matthew 15:11

James 1:26

Proverbs 6:16-19

Why do you think the Lord is so concerned with our speech?

3. James 3:9-12 speaks to the tongue and how it praises God one moment then curses men the next. How does this line up with Rev 3:16-17? After reading these verses, describe what the Lord thinks of these three dispositions of our faith:

The cold in faith/cursing others with perverse tongue

The lukewarm/cursing others and praising God with your tongue

On fire/praising God with your tongue

4. If our speech is so important and yet we struggle with controlling it, how then can we work to control it? Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 and write down three tools we can use to help control our speech.

TAKING IT HOME

Name three people you can speak life into this week:

Prayer Requests:

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