



Sermon Discussion Guide

Gather



- ... with your family
- ... with friends or your 3G Group on a Phone Conference or video call (eg. Zoom, Hangouts, House Party, Facebook Watch Party)

Grow



Processing today's message...

- **Aha!** – What did you learn? What challenged you?
- **Uh-oh!** – What concerns did it raise?
- **Hmmm!** – What do you need to think about some more?
- **Dig a little deeper...**
 - Which of the top 10 death words do you struggle with the most?
 - How do you think our culture would be different today if we passionately pursued Life words?
 - Read 2 Peter 1:3 and Ephesians 3:20. What difference does the Gospel of Grace make for overcoming death words and pursuing life words? How is this different than just trying harder?

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- What is your main take away from today?
- What can you do this week to apply something you learned today?

The Extraordinary Power of Words

Proverbs 18:21

How do we harness the extraordinary power of words for good?

1. We must Ruthlessly Eliminate Death Words.

Top Ten death words:

- _____ Name-calling (James 3:8-10pp)
- _____ Harsh Words (Proverbs 11:9pp) All of these should go on pp -
- _____ Deceitful Speech (Proverbs 4:24 ESV) – Please use ESV translation
- _____ Gossiping or slandering (Proverbs 20:19)
- _____ Misplaced Complaints (Matthew 18:15)
- _____ Bragging (Proverbs 27:2)
- _____ Complaining or Being Ungrateful (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- _____ Criticizing (Ephesians 4:29)
- _____ Speaking unnecessarily (Proverbs 17:28)

2. Passionately Pursue Life Words... Let's take a look at what the ancient proverbs teach us:

- ➡ Proverbs 10:21 – Nourishing Words.
- ➡ Proverbs 11:11 – City/Nation Changing words.
- ➡ Proverbs 12:18 – Healing Words.
- ➡ Proverbs 12:25 – Kind words
- ➡ Proverbs 15:1&4 – Gentle Answer.
- ➡ Proverbs 16:24 – Gracious words.

3. The power of the gospel and the pause.