

## Life Group Discussion Questions – Proverbs – Our Words – 8.9.20

1) Do you have a favorite modern-day proverb (or a bible proverb)?

2) Read Proverbs 4:23-24 and Luke 6:45. According to these verses how are our words and our character connected? If our words flow out of our hearts, how do we experience true heart-change?

3) Read Matthew 12:36-37. What is Jesus's point here?

4) Read Proverbs 10:19-20. What do you think are some of the reasons that so many of us struggle with talking too much? What is a wise approach to growing in this area?

5) Read Proverbs 15:23. Can you share a time when someone said just the right thing to you at just the right time? Have you ever said the right thing at the WRONG time?

6) Read Proverbs 25:11-12 and 25:15. What are the difficulties of rebuking or correcting another person in love (friend, coworker, fellow church member, child, family member, spouse)? What is a wise way to speak a difficult truth in love?

7) Read Proverbs 16:27-28. What is gossip? Why is gossip so damaging? What are strategies to neither speak nor listen to gossip?

8) Read Proverbs 12:19. How do we ensure that our words will have a lasting impact for good? What is our standard for truthfulness?

9) Read Proverbs 15:4 and 10:11. What is being communicated in the pictures of a tree of life and a fountain of life? What are some examples of types of words that could be described in this way?

10) In which of the following categories do you most desire to grow in: Wisdom transforming the source, number, timing, truth, or outcome of your words? How does Jesus bring forgiveness for the ways we have fallen short, and how does Jesus provide us with the perfect example of speech in each of these areas?

Pray for one another to that end.

