

# Community Group Question Guide

## Matthew 12:33-37 – An Integrated Life

**33** “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.

**34** You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

**35** The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

**36** I tell you, son the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,

**37** for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” ESV

How is a tree and its fruit a metaphor for speech?

Why does Jesus call the Pharisees “vipers?” Why not fox? Jackal? Wolf?

What is it that determines speech?

What is good treasure? Evil treasure?

How do we foster a life of investing in good treasure? Evil treasure?

Who needs to be concerned about the day of judgment?

Why are words so important in determining one’s justification or condemnation?