

ENTRUSTED

LIFE IS A GIFT FROM GOD

SERIES DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WEEK 4 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- **Words have a powerful impact on us, and sometimes it's a funny impact. For example, some people hate words like "moist," "loaf," or "velvet." Do you have any words that you don't like? If yes, what are they and why? If not, do you have a reason? Or what's your favorite word and why?**

CONSIDER

- **What was encouraging or challenging from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?**

CHRIST

Read Proverbs 18:1-7 as a group.

- In these verses, we learn with great imagery that words have power behind them, and our words will either get us into trouble or stop trouble in its tracks. Think of a time when your words got you into or out of trouble. What was that like? Who was it with? Do you still struggle with this relationship? Or did your kind words mend things?
- In these verses, we see the imagery of a mouth being like deep waters. For a second, think about the ocean; the ocean has 325 quintillion gallons of water in it, and the deepest part of the ocean is about 35,876 feet deep; that's almost 7 miles. Think about that; God is comparing our words and the weight they carry to deep waters. This means we can use our words to build each other up or tear each other apart. When you think about this, what are some things that have been spoken over you before? Were they positive or negative? Who was it that spoke these positive words or negative words over you, and why have they stuck with you?
- This weekend, we learned how God has entrusted us with our words. Do you feel like your words carry any weight? Why or why not? Have you been careful with your words in the past? If not, how can you better steward the words God has entrusted to you? How could you better speak to your friends and family?
- In our culture today, being honest with someone with our words and how we feel can feel like we are hurting them or insulting them. When in reality, sometimes we do need to be 100% honest and straightforward. Think about a time when someone was super honest with you and how thankful you were for that honesty. Maybe they were kind and compassionate. How can you use this experience to help with other relationships in your life?

CALLING

Read Colossians 3:12-17.

God calls us to show compassion, love, and forgiveness to one another because He has forgiven us! Who do you need to forgive? And why? Is there anyone you're super thankful for? And why? Take action! Tell them in person, text them, or call them and tell them!! God has entrusted you to use your words to take action!

Daily Devotions

Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text DEVO to 81212 or use the Study tab in Northside's mobile app for daily devotions.

Memorize

Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

Proverbs 15:4

Further Study

- Watch Andy Stanley talk about how important our words are.
 - <https://yourmove.is/videos/quick-to-listen/>
 - <https://yourmove.is/videos/untamable-part-2/>