

"THE POWER OF SPEAKING GOD’S WORD"

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Life Group Lesson Objective: To understand how our words can shape the framework of our world.

Life Group Leader preparation: Our 2020 Theme for teaching is “Back to Basics – The Word, Faith and Prayer”. This lesson was originally created/taught by Bishop Ed Smith.

Week #1 – Discussion Question

Words we speak are connected to how we live our lives. Ask Life Group members: Do you consider your thoughts before you speak and how do they influence your life?

- St. John 6:63

Jesus said the **words** that he speaks out of his **mouth** are both spirit and life.

In Genesis, chapter one we know God created the world with the power of his words. Then he created Adam and Eve and gave them power of creativity which includes our tongues too.

- Genesis 1:27-28

Death and life are in the power of the tongue and we should choose our words carefully.

- Proverbs 18:21

The words you speak and hear will bring positive influences into your life or bring negative results into your life.

“For by your words you will be justified and acquitted and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced. “ St. Matthew 12:37 (Amplified Bible)

Week #2 – Discussion Question

When you speak to yourself, your mate, your children are you speaking life or death?

When we speak our words have influence. In the heat of a moment our emotions can tell us what to say. Once words are spoken words cannot be retrieved taken back (or they have a life of their own). We are influenced by words through the media such as television, the internet, newspaper

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even magazines. Satan is constantly warring against you by working through your flesh to dominate your thought life to release evil spirits to control how you influence others and experience life.

- Proverbs 16:23
- Proverbs 15:4

Examples of spirits released through spoken words:

Spirit of Jealousy – Numbers 5:29-30

Spirit of Sorrow – Samuel 1:12-16

Spirit of Wisdom – Ephesians 1:17

Our lives as Christians should be lived through a spirit of faith. Faith is major source of how we walk as a Christian. However, it is a source of misunderstanding in many Christian’s lives.

“Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things we hope for, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality – faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses. Hebrews 11:1 (Amplified Bible)

Our words should reflect the spirit of Faith. We must fight the fight of faith over our lives and take control of our thoughts and it will lead us to take control of our life.

- II Corinthians 4:13
- I Timothy 6:12

Homework Assignment: Have group members spend the next week having a conscious awareness of controlling their thoughts to speak positive words to discuss next week.

Week #3 – Discussion Question

1. Are you speaking the right way?
2. What types of things are influencing your life? (Internet, You Tube, Others)
3. Discuss homework assignment from previous week.

It matters what you hear and accept into your environment, your life, your home, etc. Words spoken into the atmosphere take on life. Be careful of what you allow into your environment. Don’t readily accept what you see and hear.

- St. John 6:63
- St. Mark 4:24

Your Vision is defined by words

Important Truths About Words

- “I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous”. Isaiah 48:15 (KJV)
- “I myself have spoken, I have summoned him, I have brought him here, and his mission will prosper”. Isaiah 48:15 (Revised English Bible)
- Words have a spirit nature.
- Words reflect its original source.
- It’s the words that you hear and accept that influence you.
- The words you hear may be audible or only in your thoughts.

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- Words have the power to produce either life or death.
- God’s words are the weapons we use in the warfare of our mind.
- You can change the world you live in by changing the words you hear.

Homework Assignment: Ask group members to be intentional to use their words to influence themselves and others.

Week #4 – Discussion Question

1. Discuss previous week homework assignment
2. When faced with challenges how do your words change? Do you speak with faith or defeat?

If you are going to fulfill your purpose on the Earth, you must become comfortable being like God our creator. We must speak like God spoke! We should desire and focus our attention on applying our faith toward becoming a better you!

- Philippians 4:13

Paul went through a lot of trials and during the time he was shipwrecked, he went days without food, he was beaten and falsely accused even put into prison. He had the right to be angry and bitter about what had been done to him. However, he chose to handle it. He believed that God gave him strength in the face of adversity and that he was equipped and empowered by God and that he was God’s workmanship. He didn’t let it get him down and begin to speak negative words over his life. This is how we should believe and speak!

- Proverbs 18:7
- Psalms 108:1

When God told Joshua to lead the Israelites into the Promised land, he simply told him to be strong and courageous. Joshua 1: 7-8 (Amplified Bible) Remember words are seeds that can yield a good or bad harvest in our lives but it all depends on the words you speak.

Words We Should Speak to Build Us Up

- I’m more than a conqueror – Romans 8:37
- I am prosperous and all my needs are met – Psalms 103:3, Philippians 4:19
- By Jesus stripes I am healed – Isaiah 53:4-5; I Peter 2:24
- My marriage is honorable and sacred unto God – Hebrews 13:4; Proverbs 18:22
- My spouse and children are saved in Jesus name – Acts 16:31
- I have God’s favor upon my life - Proverbs 18:22
- I’m the head and not the tail – Deuteronomy 28:13