

The Power of the Tongue in an Age of Criticism Study Guide

1. What are times that someone else's words had a profound effect on you (either positively or negatively)?
2. When do you find that you struggle the most with your words? Who are the people or what are the situations that you tend to say what you wish you didn't?
3. Read James 3:1-6, talk about the power of the tongue, how does it set direction and have the potential to cause so much damage?
4. Read Proverbs 18:21, what are examples of words that bring death and words that bring life? How do we eat the fruit of our words?
5. Read Luke 6:43-45, why is Jesus so concerned about heart change? How do we change our hearts and not just our actions?
6. What are ways that you can bring healing to people that you have spoken death to? What are practical ways you can speak life to others this week?

Message Outline

Proverbs Intro - Proverbs 3:13-14

Big Idea : Words are a matter of life or death

Proverbs 18:21 "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

1. Words have Power
 - a. Words in Scripture
 - b. Words set direction and cause destruction
- James 3:1-6

2. Words have Direction
Proverbs 18:21

- a. Words are not neutral, all words either lead to either life or death
- b. Words that bring Life
- c. Words that bring Death

3. Words overflow from the heart

- a. Changing our words is not about restraint, but restoration
- b. Word problems are heart problems
 - Luke 6:43-45
- c. What rules your heart?

Conclusion:

Proverbs 18:21