

# Life Groups

Questions from Pastor Bill's Message on Nov 5.

**GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER QUESTIONS:** (Each Life Group may just want to pick one of these to discuss each week)

- 1) Who used their words to encourage and build you up the most in life? Feel free to share something they told you that you never forgot.
- 2) Who used their word to pull you down? How do those words impact you today?

**BIBLE QUESTIONS:** [Read James 3:1-12](#)

- 1) What word or phrase stand out to you in this section of scripture?
- 2) What inconsistencies is the tongue capable of in verses 9-12?
- 3) Why does James believe the tongue can be so dangerous?

**LIFE GROUP CHALLENGE:** Who does your group need to send words of encouragement to this week? Can people commit to texting, emailing, or sending them a note of encouragement?

Did anyone hear Rob Parker's testimony? How could a Life Group help Gateway Wood and Rob Parker?

**QUESTIONS FROM THE SERMON:**

- 1) Why are hurtful words so damaging to our lives?
- 2) How can we avoid using hurtful words?
- 3) Read Eph 4:29. How can we go about applying Eph. 4:29 to the use of our words?
- 4) Pastor Bill told us that the Bible teaches that "you are responsible of everything you say. Read James 1:19, James 1:26, James 2:12 and Matthew 12:36-37 and figure out if he is preaching heresy or sound doctrine. ;)
- 5) Why is this an important message for our church and our culture?
- 6) Pastor Bill told us that our flaws do not excuse a lack of self control. What did he mean? Many in our society do not agree with him. Is he right or wrong? Can the Holy Spirit give us self control according to Gal 5:22-23?
- 7) PB told us not to under estimate the damage words can do. What is the most damage you have seen words do?
- 8) What was the conclusion of Pastor Bill's message? What impacted you the most about this message?

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:** Do you need to apologize for words you have spoken to someone recently?

Who do you need to encourage with words this week?

**Accountability** Take a moment to think about this quietly to yourself. You don't have to share this with the group.

Which words from Gal 5:19-23 describe you right now? Would you like to work on any of these words?

**Prayer:** Don't forget to pray for the elders and Vanderbloemen as they lead the pastoral transition. Pray for Pastor Bill during this time. Also, pray for those who are applying for this position and for the man God is calling to lead us.