

## Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, and individuals

### **Words**

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#### **For Starters**

1. What have been some of the most impactful words you have read or heard spoken in your life?
2. Why is the phrase "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" so wrong?

#### **Digging In**

1. Read Proverbs 18:24. Why do words carry such power?
2. Read Proverbs 15:1 and 15:4. How can our words bring anger or bring peace?
3. Read Proverbs 18:8. How can gossip destroy relationships? Or a church?
4. Read and reflect on Proverbs 22:17-18. What is Solomon communicating here?
5. Read Proverbs 30:5 and Matthew 4:4. What confidence can we have in the Word of God?

#### **Bringing It Home**

1. How have you been using your words? To bring down or to build up? To build unity or tear unity apart?
2. How can you grow in the timing, tone and truth of your communication with others?
3. How does the Word (the Bible) transform our words? How does the Spirit give us the power to truly speak words and listen to words differently?
4. Who can you encourage, build up or lovingly speak truth to this week?

#### **Digging Deeper**

It's simple. Don't ever gossip. Ever.