

## Harnessing the Power of Words

Careless Words

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Our words can be...

*Care less*

*Careless*

*Careful*

Be positive.

Be careful with your opinions.

Become a cheerleader.

## Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

What are some of the most powerful words – whether positive or negative – that have been spoken to you? How have those words impacted your life?

Why do you think negative words have so much power in our lives?

### **1. Read John 13:34.**

What new commandment has Jesus given us?

How should loving each other the way Jesus loves us affect the way we talk to or about others?

### **2. Read Matthew 12:33-37, 15:10-11 and 15:18.**

What do the words you speak reveal about you?

What do you need to do to improve the condition of your heart?

### **3. Read 1 Peter 2:1, Proverbs 10:11, 16:24 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11.**

What kind of words should you aspire to speak and what kind of words do you need to eliminate?

Can you think of a time that someone gave you the gift of an encouraging word? How did those words make you feel?

Who will you offer a gift of encouragement to this week?

### **4. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.**

What strongholds or footholds does your enemy (Satan) currently have in the soundtrack of your mind?

What truths do you need to meditate on to replace that damaging soundtrack?

### **5. Read Hebrews 10:24-25 and Colossians 4:6.**

What instructions regarding our words do you find in these verses?

What will you do to live out these instructions this week? How will you speak life into the people around you?