

## Harnessing the Power of Words

Can We Talk?

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### Four phases of *Redemptive Conversations*

#### 1. Countdown

**P**ray

**I**nvestigate my motives

**C**ompassion

**A**cknowledge

**R**esolution

**D**etermine the parameters

#### 2. Ignition

#### 3. Launch

#### 4. Landing

## Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

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

Loving others the way Jesus does includes the way we speak to them. Do your words reveal the love of Jesus to the people in your life?

In which of your relationships do you need to change the way you speak in order to better love like Jesus does?

### 2. **Read Ephesians 4:15.**

How does speaking the truth in love help you grow in every way to be more and more like Christ?

How does speaking the truth in love help bring unity to the body of Christ?

### 3. **Read Colossians 3:16-17.**

In these verses, the apostle Paul gives five different instructions relating to words. Write them out.

Which of these instructions do you most need to follow more intentionally?

There are four phases to having a redemptive conversation. The Countdown Phase includes six aspects. Is there someone in your life with whom you need to have a redemptive conversation?

With that person in mind, think carefully through each aspect of the Countdown phase. What needs to happen in order for you to move toward the next phase?

How will you begin your redemptive conversation? When will you do it?

Is there something that holds you back? What is it? How will you get past that obstacle? When will you move forward?