

Sermon Questions

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Speaker: James Allison

Series: Body for God

Title: Talk #6 – Say What

Scripture: Ephesians 4:29

****** These questions are designed as a starting place for your facilitation. We encourage you to look through the sample questions and modify them to your specific group. These questions are not meant to be a comprehensive list but rather a grid to help you start thinking through the talk and how you think your group may have responded towards it. These questions will work better if you have taken notes of specific quotes, ideas and questions from what was said.******

What do you think?

- Re-read together the following passages James preached through.
 - **Ephesians 4:29 – 5:21**
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- What stands out to you from the scripture or from the Sermon?
- James talked about how the words we heard growing up shaped us. They shaped how we handle conflict, how we see ourselves, how we view our work, family, marriage.... How have the words you grew up hearing shaped who you are today? Did they create emotional hardship in your life? Did they develop a positive or negative view of you?
- James asked the question, “How’s your fence?” By this, from the story of the Dog, he meant are there hurtful and or damaging words that flow from your mouth (gossip, criticism, anger, judgment...)?
- Who are the people in your life that you tend to vent to, speak hurtful words about or speak hurtful words directly to?

What are you feeling?

- Do you feel the people in your life who spend time with you see you as someone who is safe and loving in your words?
 - If no, realizing how this sin in your life effects your relationships with people and how it offends God, how did Sunday, this Scripture and this conversation make you feel about the spirituality of your mouth?
- When God’s Spirit challenges you to change this aspect in your life, what feels difficult or even impossible to change? Why?

What will you do?

- What people in your life do you need to ask for forgiveness?
- What do you need to ask God forgiveness for?
- In regards to your mouth, how do you feel God is asking you to change? How is that going to happen? How can this group encourage each other to grow in this area?