

A Way to Speak

△ Proverbs 10:18-21; 11:11-13; 25:11-15; 26:17-22

LICC Session 5 First Thoughts

Thinking back

Words that hurt

Thoughtless words

Intentional words

"Jokey" words that we really meant

Lies:

You are no good

You will never be as good as your brother

I hate you!

You are a bad person

Curses:???

Share in small groups

Situations that we have been hurt by
people saying words to us

Situations that we have have said
words that have hurt people

Sections 1-4

Show slide with verses

Read together

Discuss meaning

Feedback?

Reading of

Matthew 12:34-37

³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. ³⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. ³⁶ But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. ³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

James 3:1-12

Taming the Tongue

³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to

go. ~ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind,⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Ask and offer forgiveness

