

MESSAGE NOTES

“What Are Your Words Worth?”

RELIGIOUS LIKE JESUS — PT 1

Pastor Matt Mylin — May 22, 2022

*James 1:26-27; James 1:21-22; Proverbs 27:6; James 3:1-13
Matthew 12:34b-35*

Shine a light on self-deception by doing a checkup:

1. Check your faith.
2. Check your friends.
3. Check your mouth.

Seven key attributes of words to help unlock the ability to control your mouth:

- Words build.
- Words direct.
- Words create.
- Words destroy.
- Words seem small.
- Words are long-lasting.
- Words reveal your character.

All scriptures are from the New Living Translation.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING OUTLINE

Where your faith intersects with real life!

Connect:

Each person shares a recent high and low from their life.

Explore:

Use the following questions to explore what God may be saying to you through this message.

Big Idea: Guard your heart to control your mouth. Your words reveal your character.

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Read James 1:26-27. Pastor Matt said religion is a set of beliefs and practices. What makes both valuable?
- ▶ Read James 1:21-22. What are some ways we can find out if we are “fooling ourselves”? What does self-deception look like?
- ▶ Read Proverbs 27:6. Share a story of a time when you had a sincere friend share some valuable feedback with you. What are some ways we can be proactive and invite honest feedback from trusted friends?

Activate:

Spend a moment in silence to consider your response, then share your decision with the group.

Read James 3:1-13. Which of the seven key attributes of words is God highlighting for you to understand more about in this season of your life?

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What is one way you can intentionally practice using your words for good this week?

Pray:

Thank God for the highs shared and lift up the lows.

Read Matthew 12:34b-35. Pray that God heals our hearts and that as we experience His pure love, we are able to overflow that love in our words to others.

Fill in the blank key: faith; friends; mouth; build; direct; create; destroy; small; long-lasting; character