



## MESSAGE NOTES

FATHER'S DAY  
"The Words of Fathers"  
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*Proverbs 18:21 NKJV*

1. Words are like seeds.

*Proverbs 12:18; Mark 11:12-14 NKJV; Mark 11:20-23 NKJV*

2. Weigh our words before we speak.

*James 1:19-21; Proverbs 10:19; Proverbs 15:1*

*Ecclesiastes 7:9; Ephesians 6:4 NIV; Colossians 3:21 MSG*

3. Choose to speak words that bring life.

*Psalms 139:16; Acts 16:31-34*

*\*All scriptures are from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.*

## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### Big Idea:

Words are powerful. They can bring life or death, encouragement or discouragement. Words are like seeds; we need to weigh them before we say them and choose to plant words that will produce life.

### Open Up:

What are some words of life that have been planted in you?

### Discuss:

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

- ▶ Read Proverbs 18:21. What are some practical tips we can use to weigh our words before we say them?
- ▶ How can we keep negative words spoken over us from taking root?
- ▶ Make a list of word seeds that could be planted in others, for example, "I see \_\_\_\_\_ in you" or "You're really good at \_\_\_\_\_"
- ▶ Who do you want to intentionally plant word seeds of life into?

### Engage:

**Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.**

Have you have planted word seeds you don't want to grow? If so, ask God for the courage to acknowledge your words and ask for forgiveness back.

Who is one person you can intentionally plant a word seed of life into this week?

### Close together in prayer.

*Ask your heavenly Father for a word he is speaking over you.*

*Fill in the blank key: words; weigh; choose*