

LET'S TALK



JAMES : WORDS WORDS WORDS

You can either use this for personal application of Sunday's message or as part of your preparation for HomeGroup this week.



SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Words from Sunday's Meeting

I had a picture of Jesus after He had risen. I felt God say my people need to remember they too have resurrection life living in them. That same spirit and power lives in us who believe in Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is not confined or limited in this season...He is at work in people and desires the same things He always has. As His vessels, we need to let Him "rise" up and shine like Jesus in His new resurrected body. Look at the stone demolished outside the tomb. The grave could not hold that power at work inside Him. We have that same power.

Scripture: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die. John 11:25 NIV

Prayer: Father, help us not restrain the power You've given us through Your Son...help us live in the fullness and freedom You've given us. Nothing else can satisfy our souls like You and nothing else can transform the world like You.

LET'S GO DEEPER



James 3: 1-12

Can you think of a funny story of when you said something that was wrong, at the wrong time or totally out of context that you still either laugh about or cringe at?

Probably one of the most powerful images regarding the effects of harsh or harmful words is the snake bite - it hurts in the moment but the poison it leaves behind is damaging and can be deadly.

Jesus said in **Matthew 12: 34** *"Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks"*

So to change our speech requires attention and change to what we fill our hearts with.

If you did an audit of your own life and schedules can you identify any major source of input?

What do you *"listen"* to most often?

(this could be in the form of reading, watching, or hearing - music, tv, film, books, podcasts etc.)

Are you aware of what it actually produces in you? Can you see when those have a negative or ungodly influence on your heart?

Where in that audit is the word of God and hearing His voice?

What is the ratio of God-inspired to world-produced input?

Are there adjustments to be made and how can you make those?

LET'S APPLY THIS



This week:

Ask the Holy Spirit to make you aware of your words and how you use them.

Stop before you speak or type and consider the impact or outcome that they may have.

Ask God to show you who you can encourage this week and how.

Spend time waiting on God and hearing Him, ask for a fresh and constant infilling of the Holy Spirit.