

SPEAK SLOW, SPEAK LIFE

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Key Verse: James 3:9-10 "We praise our Lord and Father with it, and we curse men who are made in God's likeness with it. Praising and cursing come out of the same mouth. My brothers, these things should not be this way."

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- 1) We need to be ______. (James 1:19)
 - We need to understand that _____.
 - We need to understand that our attitude speaks _____.
- 2) _____ can damage us as much as it does others. (James 3:5-6)
 - James tells us that our tongue (words) can set the whole body on fire and that fire comes from _____!

SPEAK LIFE

- 1) Our words have the power of _____. (Proverbs 18:21)
 - How much better would the church appear if we _____?
 - We need to stay away from corrupt talk because the world around us needs the _____ that we have already received.
- 2) Our words need to reflect the _____. (James 3:9-10)
 - Our words can bring _____. (Proverbs 12:18)
 - We can _____ and _____ out of the same mouth!

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- 1) We need to be **slow to speak and slow to anger**. (James 1:19)
 - We need to understand that **our words have power**.
 - We need to understand that our attitude speaks **louder than our words**.
- 2) **Our words** can damage us as much as it does others. (James 3:5-6)
 - James tells us that our tongue (words) can set the whole body on fire and that fire comes from **hell!**

SPEAK LIFE

- 1) Our words have the power of **life and death**. (Proverbs 18:21)
 - How much better would the church appear if we **spoke like Christ?**
 - We need to stay away from corrupt talk because the world around us needs the **grace** that we have already received.
- 2) Our words need to reflect the **personality of Christ**. (James 3:9-10)
 - Our words can bring **healing or hurt**. (Proverbs 12:18)
 - We can **praise God** and **curse His creation** out of the same mouth!

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