#11 – The Power of Words, Part 2

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

goING DEEPER and Taking it home

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, was new, challenging or confusing to you?

Use this question to get people thinking about the sermon again.

2. We all, in various ways and places, teach or influence people in their relationship with the Lord. What are some of yours?

As a parent, employee, boss, Sunday School Teacher, neighbor, etc.

3. Describe a time when your words were powerful.

Hopefully this and the next question help people recognize and acknowledge the power of what they say and how they say it.

4. Describe a time when someone's words had a powerful effect on you.

5. What have you experienced during the Tongue Assignment?

Encourage people to share their success and failures. Hopefully there will be humorous stories that everyone can relate to!

6. On a scale from 1-10, how would you rate yourself in controlling your tongue? What have you tried to do to control your tongue?

Encourage people to share and remind everyone that nobody is perfect, but God wants to work in our hearts and minds.

7. In the sermon we heard that "Changed words are a result of a changed heart." How does a person change their heart? Consider passages like Proverbs 27:17, John 15:5, Colossians 3:5-11, Hebrews 10:24-25.

By things like repentance, abiding in Jesus, spending time in the Word, taking steps of faith, having accountability relationships.

 Denver, CO – Westside Church International Summer Outreach Event, **August 2**

 Denver, CO – Open Door Ministry Outreach Event, **TBD**

 Cheyenne, WY– FE Warren AFB Day Trip, Wing Lunch, **May 1**

 Cheyenne, WY– FE Warren AFB Day Trip,  Higher Grounds, **Summer Wednesday nights**

 Chinle, AZ – Navajo VBS and Annual Basketball Tournament, **June 15-21**

 Sierra Leone – Early Childhood Education Training, **July**

 China –  Healthy Lives Nosu Students Summer Camp, **July**

 Ecuador – Children and Youth Ministry, **August**

 France – Operation Transit Outreach, **June 22 – July 6**

 Poland – Student English Camp, **July 15-30**

 Tanzania – ITEC Team, March

 Lebanon – Syrian Refuge Camp, **Fall**

 Care Direct Trips meeting with GO Workers, **Dates Vary**

“Collide” is an epic event for middle and high school students **Friday, January 25 – Sunday, January 27**! Sign up online.

**Tongue Assignment** Try to keep these “Laws” for one week:

James 3:6-12  
Pastor Shawn Peterson

January 20, 2019

Words have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Words are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Words can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others

Words can lead \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of January 20, 2019

**Welcome to Week Two of the Winter Growth Groups Session!**

Last week we learned some fun things about each other and spent some time in God’s Word together. This week we’ll get to know each other a little more, discuss answers to the Growth Group Questions (G2Qs), and pray together. Check out the back for some tips on praying together as a group.

To prepare for your Growth Group discussion each week, take about 20-30 minutes to go through the G2Qs and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in your relationship with the Lord and with others!

**Getting to know You**

1. What’s the most exotic animal you’ve been around?
2. Bonus: Who is/was easier to train, your children or your pets?

**Going DEEPER and taking it home**

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, was new, challenging or confusing to you?
2. Read Ephesians 4:29. How do you feel when you lift others up or praise God with your words? How have you seen others react to your encouraging words?
3. How do you respond when you receive words of affirmation?

1. How do you respond to the positive affirmations that God gives you or says about you? Here are just some of the affirmations found in the Bible - [www.bible.org/article/who-does-god-say-i-am](http://www.bible.org/article/who-does-god-say-i-am)
2. In the sermon, Shawn said, "Our words have a life to them because we’re made in the image of God." Discuss this quote.
3. Read Philippians 4:8-9. Paul gives us clear instructions on how we can lead our hearts. How can these verses help shape our words?
4. What are the practical behaviors you have in place to help you lead your heart? Are there any new behaviors you can put in place this week?

SERVING OTHERS AND SHARING YOUR FAITH

* We have been praying for our neighbors for a few months now. How can you speak encouraging words or healing words to your neighbors?
* Our Neighborhood Prayer Resident, Bart, has emailed the Growth Group Leaders. Discuss when you can have Bart visit your group to talk about this prayer ministry.

**TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER**

Prayer is an important part of being in a Growth Group. Praying in a group setting typically goes better when we follow these three simple guidelines:

* Keep prayers short and simple
* Pray for one topic at a time
* You can pray more than once

**Growth Group Prayer Requests:**