

# PROVERBS: THE POWER OF WORDS

*Life Group Questions | Sunday, August 2, 2020*

**Read Proverbs 16:21-28.** What descriptions capture your attention? What is the sage trying to communicate? Do you have a story to share of when words felt like a honeycomb to you? How about when words felt like a scorching fire?

**Read Proverbs 18:21.** The sages of Proverbs outline two pathways of our words: **positive** speech that brings life and **negative** speech that brings death. Explore the verses below from the book of Proverbs. Discuss these words of wisdom as a group. Invite the Holy Spirit to lead you into truth and life with how you use your words. How do you see this choice between life and death in your life today?

## **Positive speech:**

- 10:32
- 15:23
- 12:19
- 25:15
- 15:1-4
- 13:3

## **Negative speech:**

- 12:22
- 25:18
- 18:8
- 26:22
- 29:5
- 28:23

**Discuss the following Social Media Guidelines.** How are you challenged? What questions do you have?

- Don't respond quickly
- Don't respond when emotions are out of control
- Only say things on social media that you would say in person
- Don't argue with fools
- Ask wise friends to give feedback
- Pray before you post
- Don't have hard or meaningful conversations on social media
- Use the **Words of Life Checklist**
  - *Are my words truthful and gracious?*
  - *Are my words gentle?*
  - *Do my words benefit others?*
  - *Do my words promote peace?*
  - *Do my words divide or unite?*
  - *Do my words build up or tear down?*

**Pray together.** End by reading **Psalm 19:9-14.**