

## Leader Corner

Savvy Words

Proverbs 10:19, 12:18, 15:1

### Theme:

Savvy Words – Recognizing the Power of Speech

### Main Proverbs Passages:

- Proverbs 10:19 – “Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues.”
- Proverbs 12:18 – “The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”
- Proverbs 15:1 – “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”

### Main Idea:

Words shape reality. Scripture is full of wisdom on the way our speech can either build up or tear down. In a world of noise, the follower of Jesus is called to use words with care, precision, and love.

### Spiritual Practice:

Reflective Silence – This week, we will incorporate short moments of silence throughout the study to become more aware of our words and cultivate intentional speech. Encourage your group to observe a few minutes of silence daily this week before speaking in challenging situations.

## Connect with Prayer & Praise

### Opening Prayer:

“God, we come before You in humility, recognizing that our words have power—just as Yours do. Teach us tonight to speak wisely, to listen carefully, and to reflect You in all our conversations. Let our time together glorify You and shape us into people of grace and truth. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

### Worship Song Recommendation:

“Let the Words of My Mouth” – Shane & Shane

Lyrics based on Psalm 19:14, perfect for framing the session in a prayerful posture.

Play the song or read the lyrics together. Invite a moment of quiet after the song to reflect.

## with Principle

### Scriptures for Discussion:

- Proverbs 10:19
- Proverbs 12:18
- Proverbs 15:1
- James 3:1–13
- Ephesians 4:29
- Luke 6:45

### Discussion Questions:

1. Take some time to review the Sunday sermon. What stood out to you? Then read through the Proverbs passages. Which of the main Proverbs verses stands out to you most, and why?
2. James 3 uses vivid imagery to describe the power of the tongue. How do you relate to his warning about the inconsistency of our speech?
3. Ephesians 4:29 gives a positive standard for speech. What does it practically look like to “build others up” with your words?
4. Luke 6:45 reminds us that our words reflect our inner life. How does your recent speech reflect your heart?
5. When have you experienced words (yours or others’) either deeply healing or deeply harmful?
6. What do you think it looks like for a Christian to be “savvy” with their words in today’s culture—especially online?

## with Practice

### Personal Reflection Exercise:

Invite each person to choose one day this week to intentionally observe their speech. Use a small journal or phone note to reflect on:

- When you were tempted to speak but held back
- When you said something you wish you hadn’t
- A moment where you chose healing, helpful, or wise words

### Group Challenge:

As a group, commit to one day where everyone chooses to speak only words that build others up—no sarcasm, gossip, complaining, or harshness. Text or encourage one another throughout that day.

### Closing Prayer Prompt:

Invite each person to silently name one area of speech (tone, listening, gossip, criticism, etc.) where they need God’s help, and close with a brief, guided prayer asking for transformation.