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## WORDS DO NOT WOUND

### Proverbs 18:21

#### ~Life Group Questions~

1. What principles or insights from Sunday's sermon did you find to be...
  - a. most helpful
  - b. most challenging
  - c. most troubling
  - d. Why?
2. Before hearing Sunday morning's sermon, how would you have responded to the saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me?"
  - a. Would you have agreed or disagreed?
  - b. Why?
3. If a person listened to you for a twenty-four-hour period, what conclusion do you think they would come to concerning what you believe about the power of words?
  - a. Would they say you believed your words had the power to hurt or would they say you believed your words had the power to heal?
4. Read James 3:1-12 and record below what you learn from this passage concerning the power of our words.

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5. What do James 3:2, 3:8, and Proverbs 10:19 tell us about the inevitable result of the use of words?

**James 3:2**

For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

**James 3:8**

But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

**Proverbs 10:19**

When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise.

- a. Share a time when the use of your words caused an undesired result.
- b. What did you learn from the experience?
6. According to Matthew 12:33-37 and 15:15-20 the source of our words is our **H**\_\_\_\_\_.
- a. What sort of picture of your heart are your words painting?
7. Read the verses below and discuss the potential positive results of the use of our words.

Proverbs 25:11

Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances.

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

- a. Share a time when someone's life-giving words impacted your life.