

Words

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“The tongue has the power of life and death.”
– Proverbs 18:21

Welcome Taboo

The objective of the game is for a player to have their partners guess the word on the player's card without using the word itself or five additional words listed on the card.

Instructions:

Ask a volunteer who will make the other players guess the given word. He/She may use any word related to the item but not the words given in the card.

For example: **INTERNET** (Google, Browsing, Facebook, Connect, Yahoo)

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ICE CREAM COLD SUMMER SWEET SNACK CONE	FOREIGNER TEACHER DIFFERENT OUTSIDE COUNTRY TRAVEL	CHURCH SING BUILDING CROSS GOD SPEAKER	POLICE UNIFORM SAFETY PEACE PROTECT SIREN

Worship

Lead the group in prayer. Suggested worship song: "All of the Words" by Kutless

Word

Hook: What is the most painful thing someone had ever told you? How did it affect you?

Book: Words are powerful. When God created the world, He used his word like a carpenter uses his hammer. Words can either make us or break us. We must be careful in our speech and be mindful of how it may affect the receiver.

1. Words Can Bring Harm

"The lips of fools bring them strife, and their mouths invite a beating. The mouth of foolish are their undoing, and their lips are a snare to their very lives." – Proverbs 18:6-7

"Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is one who gives false testimony against a neighbor." – Proverbs 25:18

"A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin." – Proverbs 26:28

There are a lot of verses in the Bible that warns us about the improper use of words. Nowadays, people have become so bold in expressing their opinion about an issue, a belief and especially about someone. There is nothing wrong with being honest, but we must still consider every word that comes out of our mouth. For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. If all we do is say negative things about something or someone, we need to assess ourselves and see if there is an inner problem that needs be resolved.

2. Words Can Bring Good

"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone." – Titus 3:1-2

“Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.” – Proverbs 16:24

a. Healing

Most of us would agree that words of encouragement boost our morale. We love to hear our parents’ affirmation or read a friends’ touching note. Sad thing is, we have become so quick to criticize and too slow if not seldom to appreciate someone. If we can’t say anything good, it is better to not say anything at all. When was the last time you encouraged someone? When was the last time you comforted someone by your words? Let us not withhold words that may bring healing to someone every day.

3. God’s Words Bring Out the Best

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” – Hebrews 4:12

a. It directs us

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11) It is said that B-I-B-L-E stands for Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth. Our own knowledge may fail us but we have the Bible for instruction and guidance. Whenever we need to make decisions, let us anchor it to God’s word.

b. It rebukes us

God’s word never fails to show us the truth. It reveals the wickedness of our hearts and makes us aware of our sins. There might be things we are doing before that we didn’t know displeases God, but when we started reading his word we have become more aware of our mistakes.

c. It cleans us

Jesus said, “You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.” (John 15:3)

d. It encourages us

The Bible is full of God's promises that will surely get us through the toughest of times. You will never go wrong to consult your Bible whenever you are facing difficulty or when you are in a depressing situation.

Look: Are you more of a faultfinder or an encourager? Share to the group your learnings in today's topic.

Took: How will you use words to bring healing or encouragement to someone this week?

Take note of your members answers and make sure to follow them up throughout the week.

Works

List down 5 people you will encourage this week. Close in prayer.