

# Grace Group Discussion Guide

## Instructions on the Tongue James Prendergast Ephesians 4:29

### Synopsis:

My speech will be glorifying God and a blessing to my neighbor when its content is edifying, its timing is wise, and its impact is grace-giving.

1. Its Content is Edifying (4:29a)
2. Its Timing is Wise (4:29b)
3. Its Impact is Grace-Giving (4:29c)

### Questions:

#### Warm Up:

1. What is one way that the sermon encouraged, exhorted, challenged, or corrected you?
2. Did the analogy that was given during the introduction of the sermon surprise you regarding how many words you speak each and every single day? How So?

#### Discussion:

1. What does it mean to let **NO corrupt speech** come out of your mouth? What were some of the examples given during the sermon?
2. If the Christian is to put off corrupting speech, what are they to put on? What are some examples?
3. What was the biblical illustration used to describe speech with poor timing, why is this a helpful illustration?
4. Read Proverbs 18:21, What does this reveal about how the bible views our speech?
5. Read Luke 6:45, where does poor speech begin?

#### Application:

1. What are some ways you can deliver grace-giving speech to your neighbor?
2. Can you remember a specific time in your life where someone has given you grace-giving speech?
3. What would be some scenarios that you can think of where it would be unwise to exhort a friend or family member?
4. If what is in our heart causes the mouth to speak, how should we be guarding our hearts? (Read Philippians 4:8-9, psalm 119:9-11)
5. What should our response be when we use corrupting speech towards one another?

### Prayer Suggestion:

- Pray that the Church body would have God honoring speech within their own families and between the saints.
- Pray for the personal holiness and faithfulness of our church leaders.
- Pray for the upcoming harvest feast that you might prepare and plan for this time with our body that we would give thanks to the Lord for his faithfulness to GCV.

### **Missions Prayer Requests**

For this month, Pray for your Hector and Indira Ortega, our missionaries in Sinaloa Mexico.

The city of the three rivers has a 1,000,000 population. 78.4% of which are Catholic, 8.6% are evangelical Christian and 12.4 % are people without religion.

In Sinaloa Planted has targeted 180+ pastors and leaders that come from a charismatic and Pentecostal background, which are becoming reformed in their understanding of Scripture.

Please pray for their Local sending church in Casa de Dios. Pray for the new leaders they have established, may they remain faithful and live in holiness, being a good example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity (1 Tim. 4:12).

Please pray for peace and protection in this transition: These days the violence in Culiacan is escalating, the fights between different factions of the cartel are bringing great instability to the city. State and federal authorities have declared themselves spectators. Only our God can bring peace in the midst of this chaos (Jer. 29:7).

Please pray for the Ortega family: They are looking for a home suited to their family, strategically located, hospitable and suitable for meetings with new believers (Mat. 6:25-34).

Please pray that God would continue to strengthen them to fulfill their calling to preach the gospel in that city. This is an opportunity for advancement and growth in ministry and in our personal lives (2 Tim: 4:5).