STUDY GUIDE: "Words"

Discussion Starters

1. Give examples of times when someone used words to hurt someone else in popular culture.

2. Is there a time when you used words to hurt someone?

Study
This study guide is designed to follow up the sermon "Words" at NOCC on 7/8/18. If you weren't in worship at NOCC that Sunday, listen to the sermon on nocc.org or the NOCC app.

3. Read the following passages and note the importance of words.

Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 18:13

Proverbs 18:21

Proverbs 21:23

4. EXTRA CREDIT: Using a Topical Bible, survey passages about the use of words from scripture. Please explain and give scriptural citations.

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

5. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage, and why you think this word was chosen.
     --"gentle" (Proverbs 15:1)

     --"harsh" (Proverbs 15:1)

     --"folly" (Proverbs 18:13)

     --"power" (Proverbs 18:21)

     --"guards" (Proverbs 21:23)

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6.   Read Proverbs 12:16-23 and compare and contrast the person who is wise with his/her words vs. the one who is not wise with his/her words. What can we learn from this section of Proverbs?

7.   What are some examples of impulsive words being destructive in the Bible? (Use your answer to question 4 above if it is applicable.)

8.   Is Proverbs 18:21 about speaking, listening, or both? Explain.

Taking It Home

9. How does the use of wise words honor God?

10.   What can you do to make sure that your words are wise?