

Shout or Silent
Home Group
Discussion Questions

January 4 - Matthew 12.33-37

1. Why is transformation of speech important?
2. Other than this passage, what are some verses that show the seriousness of our speech?
3. What are some areas where your speech needs to change?
4. Why are we tempted to think there is no connection between our heart and our speech?
5. What makes it possible for our speech/heart to change?
6. What are some practical things that we can do in order to aid the transformation of our hearts?

January 11 - Matthew 18.15-20

1. What does it mean for someone to sin against you?
2. What is your natural reaction when someone sins against you?
3. List the steps that this passage gives us to follow when someone sins against us.
4. When you begin following these steps what should your motivation be?
5. If you are the innocent one why should you have to initiate the reconciliation?
6. What are some biblical examples of places this idea is applied?
7. What are some of the examples you've seen in your life where these steps were applied? How did it turn out?
8. How do you treat the person that never repents?

January 18 - Matthew 28.18-20

1. What are some of the negative influences that have led you to see people that are different than you as less than you? This includes race, gender, and economic status.
2. What are some of the positive influences that have led you to see all people equally?
3. How can you tell if you or someone else really values people that are different?
4. Why did Jesus value all nations as opposed to just Jews?
5. How can you properly stand against racial injustice?
6. What will you do in the next 30 days that might be out of the ordinary for you to bridge the gap between you and other races?

January 25 - Matthew 12.15-21

1. How is Christ described in this passage?
2. What are some groups of people that are undervalued?
3. What causes us to undervalue a person?
4. Why is it hard for us to value things we don't need?
5. What approach does this passage say that Christ took in proclaiming justice?
6. In light of this passage, what can we do to show that we value people that are sometimes undervalued?

February 1 - Matthew 19.1-6

1. How does much of our culture define marriage?
2. How does Christ define marriage?
3. Why do we think that sexual actions and thoughts only effect that moment?
4. What evidence do we have that sexual actions and thoughts effect more than just the moment?
5. What does Jesus do in this passage to show that sex is about more than just a moment?
6. How should we respond to people that define marriage differently that Christ?
7. Why is this difficult for us to do?

February 8 - Matthew 5.21-22

1. What is anger?
2. Is anger sin? What passages explain this answer?
3. What does anger do to the person that is angry? What does it do to the object of the person's anger?
4. What are words that hurt?
5. What are words that heal?
6. What are some Bible stories where there was an opportunity to speak words that hurt, yet words that heal were spoken? What was the result of this action?

February 15 - Matthew 7.12

1. In the sermon for this week explain what is meant by harsh words.
2. In the sermon for this week explain what is meant by hard words.
3. What situation (family, work, spouse, friends) is the most tempting for you to speak harsh words.
4. Tell about a situation where you received harsh words from someone, how has that affected you?
5. What can we do in order to help ourselves speak the right kinds of words at the right times?

February 22 - Matthew 12.33-37