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THE POWER OF WORDS Discussion Guide

SERMON SUMMARY

In your relationships, are you living in the circle of concern (things you can influence but can't change) or the circle of control (things you can change)? When you understand that you can't control other people, the better off your relationships will be. In this message, Pastor Daniel explains how to be a powerful influencer by bringing trustworthiness, life-giving words, selflessness, and love to each of your relationships.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- James 4:1-3
- Proverbs 10:9, 11:3, 12:22, 18:21
- Psalm 19:14 (NLT)
- Galatians 2:20
- Philippians 2:3
- Matthew 22:35-39
- 1 Corinthians 13

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What value do you bring to your relationships? What do you bring to the table? What do people get when they get you?
- What is the difference between trust and trustworthiness? How do you respond when you fail or disappoint someone?
- What are some examples of ways to speak truth with grace? How can you practice speaking in a way that encourages people?
- What is vain conceit and how does it affect our relationships?
- What things do you need to release to be more selfless? How does selfishness indicate a lack of faith or trust in God?
- What are your experiences of love? How can you learn to demonstrate a love you never experienced?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Things you can bring to the table:
 - I will bring trustworthiness. Proverbs 10:9, 11:3
 - I will bring life-giving words. Psalm 19:14 (NLT)
 - I will bring selflessness. Galatians 3:20
 - I will bring love. Matthew 22:35-39

GO DEEPER

Additional ideas for a deeper study of the sermon topic.

- Make a list of the things you can control and things you can't control and determine to focus only on things you can control.
- Pick one or more of the verses used in this message, memorize it, and use these words as affirmations over your life and heart.
- What does it mean that you've been crucified with Christ? Which areas of your life would change if you fully lived as if you've died to yourself?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13.
 - In your own words, describe how important it is to bring love to our relationships.
 - How does God define love?
 - What area do you need to work on to be a more powerful relationship influencer? What is the next step you will take?

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Ask the Lord to make you more like Him in your relationships and for the power and strength of the Holy Spirit to help you determine what you bring to the table of every relationship of your life.

LEADER TIPS

- Encourage group members to hear every message of this series as they build on each other week by week.