

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

Conversation Guide

For further reflection personally, with a friend or your Group.

The potty mouth predicament is a plague that touches all of humanity...no one is immune. The only solution to this problem is total heart transformation. Words are an overflow of the heart and the potty mouth predicament will only be solved when the heart is clean.

GETTING STARTED

As a child, who was your most encouraging teacher?

LOOKING DEEPER

1. Why is it easier to think of a put down or criticism rather than an encouraging word or a compliment?
2. What is the difference between a compliment and flattery?
3. The Bible says that kindness leads us to turn from sin (Romans 2:4). Why do we choose criticism instead of grace when we try to correct others?
4. Have you experienced a good example of grace-filled correction?
5. Read James 3:2-12. What do the bit, rudder, and fire teach us about the impact of thoughtless words?
6. Read James 1:26 and Matthew 12:33-37. We sometimes make excuses by saying "I didn't really mean what I said..." What does Jesus say about our careless words? Why do you think God takes our words so seriously?
7. Read Matthew 12:34. Jesus says "out of the heart the mouth speaks." How can you guard heart against using inappropriate language and comments?

TAKE IT WITH YOU — *personal reflection*

Who in your life needs to hear more words of encouragement from you this week?

"The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." Proverbs 12:18