



LIVE IT!
GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 07

Faith Under Pressure

Words Matter

Live It Guides are not just a “study” we do to fill our heads with information about God. Possessing information doesn’t make us disciples. It’s what we do with it that counts! This looks like **learning, believing and living**. The purpose of this guide is to: (1) foster learning & listening with one another around God’s Word, (2) allow God’s Word to shape what we are believing and (3) encourage one another to live it out in the context of our daily lives. If you find your group not asking “believing” and “living” questions, please adjust your time to allow for this vital part of discipleship.

Learning from God’s Word...

Read James 3:1-12 three times together as a group.

Complete this statement from the text: “The tongue is...”

According to the text, what kind of power would you say your words have on your life and lives of people around you?

What does James say about those who desire to teach? Why is teaching important in the church, and what does James say about the responsibility that a teacher has as they communicate to the church?

Read Matthew 15:8-20. What does Jesus say is the root problem of the tongue?

Believing What It Says...

As we hear God speak through His Word, we must take what we are learning and consider how we see ourselves actually living our lives. Many times, we may say we believe something but in fact find that a different belief is influencing our actions. This provides an opportunity to repent and believe the Gospel.

Look back at the “tongue is...” answers you discussed. Do you believe this is true about your tongue or just certain people?

Do you believe your words really matter, that they really do impact the course of your life and have an impact on other people? Why or why not?

Do you believe the root problem is not your words, but your heart?

Living it out...

Let’s put what we are hearing from God’s Word into practice...this week! We long to be a people who live an active faith, not only hearing from God, but also responding in obedience to Him!

Think about your personal life. What are you going to do about your speech that will set the course of your life on the path toward being a more mature disciple of Christ?

Think about the people around you. How is your speech going to change so that you bless and not curse others who are created in the image of God?

Have you made room in your life for the Gospel to transform your heart, the core of who you are, so that what you say blesses and does not curse others? What might that look like?

Notes...

Record what you hear God saying through His Word and some tangible ways you are desiring to live it out in the next week...