

So What 6? Leader's Guide

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- 1. How can our words bring death? (They can make others feel hopeless, discouraged, or even suicidal.)**
- 2. How can our words bring life? (They can inspire others, encourage, and bring hope.)**
- 3. How is the tongue like a spark or a flame of fire? (We can do great damage with our words like a forest fire. Our tongues can ruin someone's reputation, damage a friendship, or divide a family.)**
- 4. What is the Golden Rule? How does it apply to our speech? ("Treat others in the same way you'd want them to treat you." We need to speak about others in the way we'd want them to speak about us.)**
- 5. What negative kinds of speech are discussed in the video? (Gossip, slander, critical speech, quarreling, dirty language.)**
- 6. How can gossip be destructive? (Gossip can hurt people, break up friendships, and start arguments.)**
- 7. What is slander? What does the Bible say about slander? (Slander is hurting someone's reputation by saying false and damaging things. The Bible says to get rid of all slander. Don't do it!)**
- 8. What does the Bible say about critical speech and quarreling? (Critical speech really hurts like a sword. If you pick a fight, you're a fool. A quarrelsome person is annoying like dripping in a leaky roof.)**
- 9. How does God feel about swearing? (He tells us never to do it! Swearing is like pollution. The Bible says, "Stop all your dirty talk.")**
- 10. What does God say about dirty jokes and stories? (He says there should be no filthiness or crude jokes.)**
- 11. What can you do if you've been using your mouth the wrong way? (You can repent. Make a quality decision to change. Ask for God's help and power.)**
- 12. What happened to the old you on the cross? (The old you was killed and buried. A new you is alive. Sin has no power over you. You don't have to sin with your mouth!)**

So What 6? Your Mouth

1. Proverbs 18:21 Who Is Man? “Your words are so powerful that they will kill or give life. And the talkative person will reap the consequences.”

- Our words are powerful for good or evil
- Our words can kill, bring death or life
- We need to be careful if we talk a lot!

2. James 3:2-12 Who Is Man?

- We all make mistakes v.2
- If you can control your tongue, you can control your whole life!
- Our tongues are small like a bit in a horse or a rudder in a ship v.4-5
- Our tongues boast of great things! v.5
- Our tongues are like a fire. They can destroy our lives. (Like a forest fire.)
- Our tongues are wicked. They can spread evil to our whole body. v.6
- Our tongues are set on fire by hell v.6
- People can tame wild animals, birds, reptiles, fish v.7
- No one can tame his tongue. Tongues get out of control. v.8
- Our tongues are restless, evil, and full of deadly poison v.8
- We can use our tongues to praise God v.9
- We can use our tongues to curse people made in image of God v.9
- Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth! v.10

So What?

- Have I ever caused damage with my tongue?
- How do I use my tongue- to bring death or life, blessing or cursing?

3. Proverbs 11:13 Who Is Man?

- A gossip can't keep a secret, goes around telling them to others
- A gossip is not trustworthy
- A trustworthy person keeps a confidence

So What?

- Am I trustworthy? Can I keep a secret or do I gossip?

4. Proverbs 26:20 Who Is Man?

- When we stop gossiping, quarrels disappear
- We cause arguments, fights by gossiping

5. Ephesians 4:31 Who Is Man?

- We can be bitter. We can be full of rage, anger, and harsh words
- We can ruin others' reputations with our lying words (slander)

Who is God?

- Tells us to get RID of ALL slander, stop hurting others with our words.

6. Proverbs 12:18 Who Is Man?

- We can use our tongues to hurt others by making cutting, critical remarks
- Wise people use their words to heal others

So What?

- Do my words hurt or heal others?

7. Proverbs 20:3 Who Is Man?

- If you avoid quarrels and fights, it will bring you honor
- Fools want to pick a fight! You're stupid if you love quarrels!

So What?

- Am I quick to pick a fight?

8. Ephesians 4:29 Who Is Man?

- Can use foul, polluting, abusive language
- Should use helpful, encouraging words instead

Who Is God?

- Wants us to control our mouths and not LET swears, abusive language come out!

9. Ephesians 5:4 Who Is Man?

- We can choose to use filthy language, tell sexual stories and dirty jokes.
- We should be thankful to God instead
- We can choose what we LET out of our mouths

Who Is God?

- Tells us to keep watch over our mouths. Don't let the bad out!

So What?

- Do I pollute the atmosphere with my words?
- Do I tell dirty jokes and stories?
- Do I swear all the time?
- I can repent, ask God to forgive me and help me to change!