

3. Review Matthew 12:34b. Explain what Jesus is saying in your own words.

4. Read Ezekiel 36:26 and 2 Corinthians 5:17. What has God promised to us in the Gospel?

5. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to know and what you need to do in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind.

IN YOUR GROUP

TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the **bold** questions above. In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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Growth Guide

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020

CONNECT AT CORNERSTONE

Cornerstone is a group of Jesus' followers who aim to honor God by showing what he can do with and through lives surrendered to him. We believe following Jesus makes life better, and makes you better at life—and brings glory to God in the process. Let us show you how!

We want to welcome you personally!
Text NEW to 603-225-2550 right now wherever you are.

MORE PEOPLE SAYING "YES!" TO JESUS MORE OFTEN

TODAY'S MESSAGE

BLEED OR NEED

STAY POSITIVE WEEK THREE • TODAY: WORDS
EPHESIANS 4:17-32

THE BOTTOM LINE

HELPFUL TALK COMES
FROM A HEALED HEART.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. – Ephesians 5:29 NIV

WHAT GOD DOES FOR US WE SHOULD BE DOING FOR
OTHERS SINCE WE'RE TO REFLECT HIS IMAGE

*Our loving God is working in every situation
for our future good.*

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ
Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long
ago. – Ephesians 2:10 NLT

DO OUR WORDS CAUSE OTHERS TO BLEED OR
MEET ANOTHER'S NEED?

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but
only what is helpful...

IS IT EDIFYING?
for building others up...

IS IT NEEDED?
according to their needs,

IS IT BENEFICIAL?
...that it may benefit those who listen. – Ephesians 5:29 NIV

OUR WORDS REVEAL OUR HEARTS

...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
– Matthew 12:34b NKJV

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We
have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who
came from the Father, full of grace and truth. – John 1:14 NIV

Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their
side, working with them and not against them.
– Philippians 4:5a MSG

HARMFUL WORDS REVEAL THE NEED
FOR A RENEWED HEART

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will
remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of
flesh. – Ezekiel 36:26 NIV

THE GOSPEL GIVES US A NEW HEART

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a
new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!
– 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

Saying "YES!" to Jesus? Text **YES!** to **603-225-2550**
*Let us celebrate with you
& resource you for your new life in Christ.*

THE CHALLENGE:

COMPLETE THE "I'M ENCOURAGING" READING
PLAN ON THE BIBLE APP.
<http://bit.ly/2positive>

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

- 1. When was the last time someone really encouraged you?**
- 2. Brian mentioned three situations in which we might cause others to bleed rather than meeting another's need. (1) We might emphasize truth without being loving. (2) We might prioritize our need in the moment over the needs of others. (3) We might want to tear others down to make ourselves feel better by comparison. Which of the three are you most likely to do? Why?**