

5. From Ephesians 4:29 describe the characteristics of the habitual speech of Jesus' followers.

6. Review Proverbs 18:21. What power is ascribed to our words? In the context of this verse and the entirety of this week's message, what does it mean to "be the one"?

7. 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. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

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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FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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*FOLLOWING JESUS MAKES LIFE BETTER
AND MAKES YOU BETTER AT LIFE.*

MESSAGE NOTES BE THE ONE

TODAY: SPEECH • LUKE 17:11-19

THE BOTTOM LINE

_____ **WHAT NEEDS TO BE SAID TO MEET**
THE _____ THAT NEEDS TO BE MET

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. – 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

(When you think something good, express it!

It should be a habit for Jesus' followers to encourage & edify others continually with their words.)

_____ **GRATITUDE IS**
INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM _____

Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?"

– Luke 17:17 NLT

("What do you say?" Expressing gratitude closes the circle: an act of service or kindness calls for the response of gratitude.)

He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.

– Luke 17:16 NLT

*(The Samaritan was the outsider;
do we take for granted those closest to us?)*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. – Philippians 4:6 NIV

*(Our pattern in prayer parallels the leper's pattern with Jesus:
request, anticipate the answer, express gratitude.)*

TELL _____ THE TRUTH

So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. – Ephesians 4:25 NLT

*(Is it possible we recognize it's wrong to lie to others
but excuse lying to ourselves all day long?)*

For more, see *Telling Yourself the Truth* by
William Backus & Marie Chapain.

SAY WHAT THE _____ NEED TO BE SAID

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 4:29 NIV

*(Want to know what to say? Meet the need of the moment:
Is it helpful? Is it edifying? Is it needful? Is it beneficial?)*

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. – Ephesians 4:30 NIV

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THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

Words kill, words give life;
they're either poison or fruit–
you choose.
– Proverbs 18:21 MSG

THE CHALLENGE

who says what needs to be *done*.

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

1. Can you recall something positive that someone said to you that made a big impact or stuck with you for a long time? What was it?

2. "Expressing gratitude closes the circle." Explain this in your own words.

3. Read Ephesians 4:21-25. In the two columns below list the contrasting descriptions & characteristics of life with Jesus & life before Jesus. A few examples from the NLT are listed to get you started.

With Jesus

Truth
Renewed
thoughts & attitudes
New nature

Before Jesus

Old sinful nature
Former way of life
Corrupted by
lust & deception

4. Write the Bottom Line for this week: