

Healing Conversations

TALK IT OVER

KEY QUOTES

"Healing Conversations (The Middle Way) is about believing there can be a common ground built on mutual understanding that, even in our differences, everyone has something important to teach us."

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"Words never return void of significance"

Pastor Steve

KEY SCRIPTURES

² Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. ³ We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴ And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. ⁵ In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. ⁶ And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire...

James 3:2-6a

³⁴ For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.

Matthew 12:34

Select 1 or 2 questions from each section of this guide to lead your group or house church in a discussion. Feel free to adjust as needed.

Each section is designed to follow each video segment of the message.

Video Section #1: Explore the Topic

Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking

Video Section #2: Explore what God says about the Topic

Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture

Video Section #3: Explore what we do with the Topic

Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps

Pray it Out | Goal: Lift of prayers, petitions, and praises

Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking

- In what ways do you hear words used in ways that hurt others?
- How do you feel about the choice of words used by your teachers, friends and family?
- Who recently used words towards you that were encouraging?

Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture

- **Read:** James 3:2-6a, Are you careful with the words you speak to others?
- Has someone ever shared with you that your words were hurtful?
- Respond to Jesus' words in Matthew 12:34 ³⁴ For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.

Live it Out | Goal: Two ways to encourage next steps of taming our tongue:

- Step 1: Make time to Praise God everyday.
- Step 2: Use your words to encourage others.

Pray it Out | Goal: Lift up prayers, petitions, and praises

- Pray together:
- Take time to share prayer requests, and spend time praying for our church, community, country, and world. Help the members of your group to feel invited and cared for.