

# 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

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. <sup>4</sup>And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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

<sup>34</sup>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 see words used in detrimental ways in our society?
- How do you feel about the choice of words among our leaders (political, celebrity, writers, teachers, religious leaders)?
- When was the last time you were deeply moved by someone's words?

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

- **Read:** James 3:2-6a, How careful are you with the words you speak?
- Do you find yourself defending your use of words?
- Respond to Jesus' words in Matthew 12:34 <sup>34</sup>For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.

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

- What commitments do you feel are important for you to make in regard to your words?
- How/Where can you create a safe place for Healing Conversations to happen?

### 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.