

Based on this passage, how would you describe the power of the tongue? How does speech reflect a person's heart?

Read Proverbs 12:13-23 and Psalm 15. What do these passages reflect about a person's speech (and their heart)?

How do all of these passages relate to the message of Matthew 5:33-37?

Jesus' goal in the Sermon on the Mount was that we reflect God's nature of truthfulness. What are ways that you can work to surrender your heart to and live that idea this week?

Are there places in your life where things you say aren't in line with what God desires of us? What would help you speak with more truthfulness?

Sermon Notes

Simple Substance

Matthew 5:33-37

Nolan Donald



**WordServe. Shaped by God's Word;
serving God's world.**

Community Group Prep Work

For the week of September 27, 2009

Please complete the following questions before your Community Group meeting.

Getting Started

When you were growing up, who were your heroes? Write down a hero you had at each of the different stages in life. What attracted you to them?

- 7-12 years old:
- 13-18 years old:
- 18-30 years old:
- Recently:

What was your favorite game as a child? With whom did you play it?

Growing up did you ever get in trouble for lying? Explain. What were the consequences?

Where are places you see people being less than truthful in our world today?

Do you think it is harder to tell the truth to a close friend about a difficult issue or to someone in authority over you (boss, leader, etc.)? Explain.

What is one thing from Sunday's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-7. Write down things you notice.

In the Ecclesiastes text, what are ways that your mouth can get you in trouble? Why should we limit our words?

Read James 3:1-12. Write down things you notice.