

Prayer

Your Life Group, and all of the others meeting this week, are the prayer meetings of our church. How cool is that!
Please spend time praying for each other and our church.

Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Christ with others.

Each other:

Church

- *God will help us with our hearts and our mouths.*
- *That CCC would be used by God to reach our neighbors, neighborhood and community.*
- *That the CCC community would be contagious.*
- *Pastors, Staff and Leadership*
- *Stampede and Round Up*
- *God to provide the financial resources we need.*
- *Youth and College Ministries*
- *Life Groups meeting around the area this week*



Part 2

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Getting Started

Can you remember the first time you used a bad word? What happened?

Take a moment and read Matthew 15:10-20 and 12:22-24, 30-37.

Was there one thing that stuck out to you? It could be a question, or something that bothers you. Write down that initial impression and take a moment to talk to Jesus about it.

Is speaking bad of someone “blasphemy?” Think about that for awhile and then explain.

What is the connection between the casual, everyday words we speak and our hearts? What do words reveal about us?

The Pharisee's demonize Jesus (literally). They are talking bad about Jesus behind his back. They don't like where Jesus is leading them, what he is teaching them and what that might mean for them. If they say that His works are from God, then they need to get in line with everything he says and does. Instead they say that his works and words are evil and accomplished by the evil one. What might you learn about not demonizing, slandering or speaking bad of someone you disagree with from this passage?

Why do you think that Jesus says that we will all give an account for every casual and empty word that we say? Is he talking about word choice or is it something deeper?

What should we take away from all of this?

Some practical ideas for this week:

None of us are perfect, and Jesus knows that. We are to have a real and growing relationship with him. Spend some time this week praying and looking at your words, and your heart.

Pray this Psalm: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psa 139:23-24 NIV)