

WORDS TO LIVE BY

A FRESH LOOK AT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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The Power of Speech

The last six commandments concern how we are to live out our faith in relationships with other people. The ninth commandment concerns the role of our words in these relationships. Truthfulness and seriousness should characterize all our speech as followers of Jesus.

Read Exodus 20:16.

- How important are the words you speak to others every day? Do you see them as carrying a certain weight and influence?
- Which of these sins against others are you most likely to commit in the course of a week (slander, gossip, flattery)?
- What does Jesus say about the source and importance of our daily words (Matthew 12:33-37)?
- What does Jesus say here about the nature and quality of our everyday speech (Matthew 5:33-37)? (see also Psalm 15:1-4)
- How are we called to live out the positive side of this command (Ephesians 4:29)?
- Who can you speak up for and encourage with your words today?

Praying together

Holy Spirit, help me to use my words to encourage others in my life today.