

Speak Encouragingly

2.12.12

Ephesians 4:29-30; 5:3-4

Sermon Discussion Questions:

- 1) What kind of language is worthless (See also James 3:1-12)? What makes it worthless?

- 2) Are the items listed in the passages Pastor Jim preached on the only kinds of worthless language? What else might you include (See also Pro. 12:18, 13:3, 15:1, 23:9, 26:22, 29:20; Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)?

- 3) What all is included in the idea of "obscenity"? What about "foolish talk"? What about coarse joking? According to these definitions, is this something you struggle with?

- 4) Does this mean that we should only have very "religious" discussions with one another? Why or why not?

- 5) Rather than the "worthless talk" mentioned above, what kind of talk or discussion produces something greater (See also Eph. 5:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22)? What does this kind of discussion produce?

- 6) How can you "tame the tongue" as James says (James 3:8)? Why can it be so difficult (See also Luke 6:43-45)?