

## Jesus' Mouth

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John 13-17

### MESSAGE NOTES

Matthew 12:33: "A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad. 34 You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? **For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.**"

Whatever is in here, will be heard out there.

Do my words sound like his words? What words do we hear Jesus speak?

Humble Words (John 13:12-15): Do others hear "you first" words coming from my mouth?

Encouraging Words (John 14:1-3): Do others leave encouraged when they are around me?

Truthful Words (John 14:15, 23-24): Are truthful words coming from my mouth?

Inviting Words (John 15:4-10): Am I using my words to invite others into a relationship with Jesus?

Unifying Words (John 17:20-21): Do my words bring people together or tear them apart?

Your words will change only when Jesus changes your heart.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Jesus says, "For whatever is in your heart determines what you say" (Matthew 12:33). Whatever is IN here, will be heard OUT there. How do we see this in everyday life? (i.e. sports, sharing good news, etc)

Damien challenged us to consider the words that we are speaking, and that others are hearing. Of the list on the screen, which words reflect what others are hearing? (Gossip, Complaining, Filthy Language, Lying, Bragging, Unkind, Disrespectful / Forgiving, Kind, True, Holy, Encouraging)

Questions to ask yourself when evaluating your words compared to Jesus' words:

1. Do others hear "you first" words coming from my mouth?
2. Do others leave encouraged when they are around me?
3. Are truthful words coming from my mouth?
4. Am I using my words to invite others into a relationship with Jesus?
5. Do my words bring people together or tear them apart?

Which of these questions is most convicting and/or challenging for you? Damien said, "Your words will change only when Jesus changes your heart." Take time to name the change that Jesus needs to make in your heart so that your words will change.

Spend time this week reading and memorizing verses from John, chapters 13 through 17.