



# Home Teams

DISCUSSION GUIDE

MAKE YOUR

MARK

May 26 & 27

# Speak

WEEK 4 • 1 CORINTHIANS 13:5-6

## OPENING QUESTION

What are the most embarrassing words that you can remember speaking or hearing someone else say?

## IN THE WORD

1. Read [Romans 12:14-21](#), paying particular attention to [verses 14, 17, and 21](#). How can we apply these verses to reversing rudeness or harsh words in our lives?
2. [1 Corinthians 13:5](#) uses four comments to describe love; “it is not rude” or “it does not dishonor others” being the first. How do these four comments relate to each other? Are they completely separate ideas, or are there connections between them?
3. One principle for dealing with important conflicts in [Matthew 18:15-17](#) is that we should go to the one with whom we have a disagreement. How might this face-to-face conversation affect our words as compared to communicating via text, email, or social media?
4. How does [Luke 6:31](#), often referred to as the Golden Rule, affect our words? What guidelines would you like others to use in speaking to you?
5. Look at the verses which surround [Luke 6:31](#). If we take these teachings seriously, how might they also affect the way we use our words?

## MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Pastor Carter asserted that *Ignorance + Arrogance = Rudeness*, but *Knowledge + Humility = Respect*. We need to understand that everyone matters to God and be humble enough to consider others as more important. Which of these two (knowledge or humility) is the greater challenge for you?
2. Do you agree that rudeness is often a major component in humor? Is this true in your words?
3. How would you describe your emotions when you have been rude to someone? How would you describe your emotions when someone has been rude to you?
4. Are there adjustments you should make in using social media?
5. Is it difficult for you to respond politely when someone speaks harshly to you? If so, is there anything you could do differently that might help you change or interrupt your habits?

## CONTINUED LEARNING

Set a personal goal to read one chapter of Proverbs each day for a month. As you read, make a note about each verse that describes the tongue—how to use it wisely. When you have completed this exercise, summarize what you have learned and how you think you should change.

# Notes & Prayers



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