

Part 5

THE DO'S AND DON'T'S OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Proverbs 15:23

23 A man finds joy in giving an apt reply- and how good is a timely word!

Isaiah 50:4

4 The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

Message notes:

There's a _____ for encouragement.

Encouragers learn to _____ to the Holy Spirit.

All of us need our _____ disciplined.

Encouragement is not _____.

Our words have _____ to them.

Our mouth was meant to _____ God and our tongue was meant to be used for His glory.

Additional notes:

Discussion Questions:

Why is it so difficult to have a disciplined mouth?

Why do you think God would give you words of encouragement, but not release you to say them yet?

How do you know the right timing for giving encouragement?

How does it impact you to know that the ministry of encouragement is a representation of God?

Name one person that you think the Lord wants you to encourage this week.

Take some time to ask the Lord to give you words of encouragement to share within the group. Then practice speaking the words that God gives you.

Ministry Time Questions:

Did one of the words from the Holy Spirit impact you?

Have you tried to give a word of encouragement and felt like it didn't go well?