

Life Group Questions
For the week of October 4, 2015
Series: The Puzzle

INTRO: I am choosing to lead off this week's lesson a bit different. Understanding where we've come from gives us insight into who we are and how we are. My message on Sunday was about how we communicate with each other. So here is the lead off question: How did the family you grew up in communicate and how has that influenced the way you communicate with others? Please take some time to think this one through, it just might help you.

1. Read James 1:19. This was the key verse on Sunday. It teaches us to be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger. In your communication with family and others do you find yourself living this method? If not, how do you differ from this?

2. What do the following verses teach us about communicating with each other?

Proverbs 15:1-2	_____
Proverbs 18:21	_____
Ephesians 4:29-32	_____

GOING DEEPER

1. Read James 1:20. Anger is not helpful in the communication process. In fact Ephesians 4:26-27 teaches that unresolved anger is used by the demonic forces as a launching pad to other points of control in our lives. In your opinion, what types of behaviors does unresolved anger lead to in family life?

2. Read James 1:19 again. James says that we are to be quick to listen. In your opinion, why is it difficult for someone to listen to what a family member is saying?

3. This question is time permitting. If you are low on time skip to question 4. But if you have time this could be interesting. Read James 3:5-12 and identify as many things about the tongue as you can squeeze out of the text.

4. Important question: Has your anger or hurtful words caused pain in someone's life? If so, what is the godly thing to do about that situation?

TAKING IT HOME: It is important that we DO something about what we are learning. What is the one thing you need to take home and DO from tonight's discussion or Sunday's message?

PRAYER REQUESTS: