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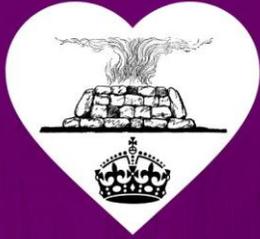
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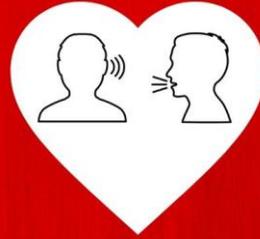
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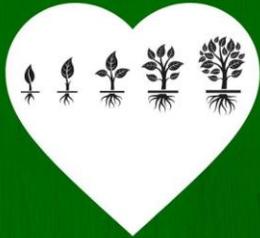
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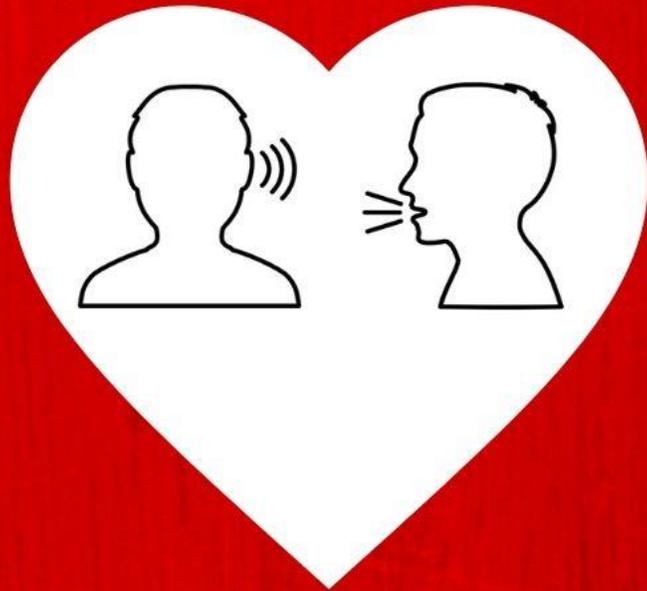
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The Foundation for Biblical Communication
Psalm 19:7-14

LAST WEEK'S BIG IDEA:

**God's Word is the
foundation for loving Him
and loving others through
biblical communication.**

The Glory of God

(1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 3:21)

**Love
God**

*(Matt.
22:37-38)*

Grace

*(Titus 2:11-14;
2 Peter 3:18)*

**Love
Others**

(Matt. 22:39)

Gospel Advancement *(Acts 1:8)*

Community Discipleship *(Acts 2:42-47)*

Worship *(Colossians 3:16-17)*

God's Word *(2 Timothy 3:15-4:2; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11)*

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**Do we communicate well
with one another?**

**Does God care about
how we communicate
with one another?**

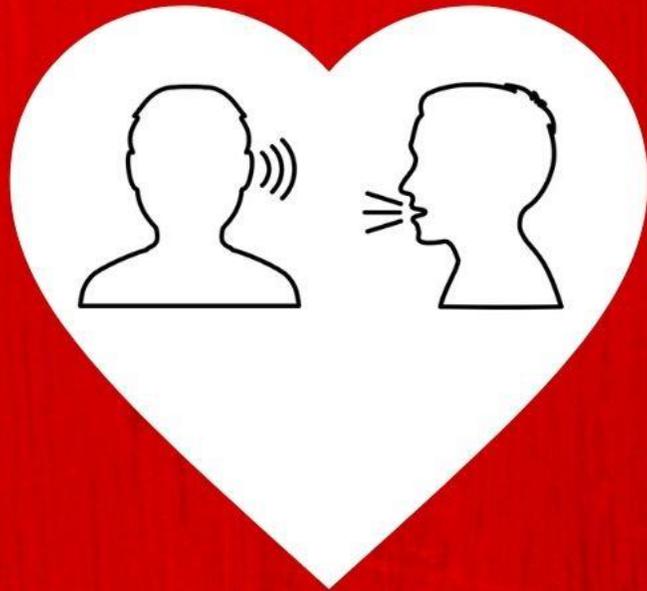
How do we communicate?

- Verbal Communication
 - *Words (spoken and written)*
 - *Questions, answers, commands, repetition, tone, emotional, persuasion, etc.*
- Non-verbal Communication
 - *Facial expressions, eye contact*
 - *Gestures, body movement*
 - *Posture*
 - *Touch*
 - *Space*
 - *Etc.*

LAST WEEK'S APPLICATION

1. **Commit** to **making** God's Word the **foundation** for your communication.
2. **Repent** of **allowing** anything other than God's Word to be the **foundation** for your communication.
3. **Commit** to **maintaining** God's Word as the **foundation** for your communication.
4. **Ask** God to help you **love** Him and His Word more and more each day.

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Learning to Listen Well
James 1:19-21

BIG IDEA:

**Listening well
to others
begins with
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James 1:19-21

***4 truths
about learning
to listen well
to God's Word.***

1. Christians must be **quick**
and **eager** to hear God's
Word. **(1:19)**

“Ho Logos” (“The Word”) in *The Letter of James*

1:18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

[1:19-20]

1:21-23 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

1. Christians must be **quick** and **eager** to hear God's Word. **(1:19)**

- *We should be willing, eager, and ready to listen well to others—but **listening to God's Word must always come first!***

2. Christians must be **slow** and **hesitant** to engage in angry communication.
(1:19)

- *There is an extremely fine line between righteous anger and sinful anger—and most of the time we will cross over it quickly if we are not eager to listen well to God and others before speaking (or writing/typing/emailing/texting/etc.).*

3. When it comes to listening and communicating well, **our practical righteousness** as Christians is extremely important to God. **(1:20)**

- *Imputed righteousness – “Justification”*
- *Practical righteousness – “Sanctification”*

4. God's Word **graciously rules out** all forms of unrighteous communication in the lives of obedient Christians. **(1:21)**

- *God's Word graciously teaches us which communication to reject and refuse.*
- *God's Word graciously teaches us which communication to embrace and pursue.*

How about you?

- How well are you listening (or learning to listen) to God's Word each day?
- What evidence (or fruit) do you see in your communication that reveals that you are learning to listen well to God's Word? ***How are you becoming more like Jesus in the way you communicate?***
- Do you find yourself eager to obey God's Word or sluggish to obey God's Word when it comes to communicating with other people?

APPLICATION

1. Make whatever sacrifices you must to **listen well to God's Word** every day.

APPLICATION

2. Ask God to help you **obey His Word** so that your communication is both **pleasing** to Him and is a **blessing** to others.

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