



Discussion Questions for the week of November 15, 2015

BIG IDEA:

Everyday a person says an average of 15,000 words and with those words we all say something. Our words can be negative, neutral, positive, or even powerful. Do we mostly waste our words or do we use them with wisdom and purpose?

In 2 Timothy 4:2 Paul commands Timothy to Preach the Word (Scripture) to tell people about the Word, Jesus. It is important to understand that this command to Timothy applies to all believers today and that everyone should know how to use God's Word to love others.

ICE BREAKER:

Who is the person in this group that uses the most words per day?

DISCUSSION:

1. People average speaking 15,000 words per day. Do you think most kids your age waste their words or use their words wisely?

2. Think about all the words you hear from peers, teachers, coaches, and parents each day. What category would most of the words you hear fall into?

A) Negative B) Neutral C) Positive D) Powerful

3. If someone were to keep track of every word you said, what category would most of your words fall into?

A) Negative B) Neutral C) Positive D) Powerful

4. Look up and read 2 Timothy 4:2. What do you think it means to "preach the Word"?

The Greek verb translated "preach" is "kerusso" which means "to herald" or "proclaim publicly." Back in the days before radio and television and internet an emperor made a public proclamation or announcement through a messenger. We are the messengers of God's Word.

5. What is "the Word"?

The Word is Jesus – We are to share the love of Christ and share truth from scripture. John 1:1, John 1:14.

6. Do you think 2 Timothy 4:2 means that we should all be pastors or professional preachers?

Not all believers are called to preach as a profession, but we all are called to deliver the Word to others.

7. Share some ideas of opportunities you can take advantage of to preach the word? Share some easy ones and then share some not-so-easy ones.

APPLICATION:

8. How do you think we could put 2 Timothy 4:2 into practice?

Start Small & Expand. Be prepared to speak one verse or passage each day. Be prepared to explain what it means and how it can apply to a person's life. Think of creative ways to share these words publicly. Consider Texts, Facebook, Twitter, Online Comments, Writing on Notebooks, Book Covers, Backpacks, Hands, Arms, Lockers, Doodles, etc.

9. What are some tools that we can use to "preach the Word"?

*Scripture
The Romans Road (Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9)
Your story*

10. Who wants to model for us tonight and "preach the Word" in the way we have learned the last few weeks?

11. Identify one person that you can use your words to tell them about Jesus this week. Love them, share the love of Christ with them and what Christ has done in your life