



# WORDS MATTER WEEKEND



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# Schedule

## Friday

- 5:30pm** Registration
- 6pm** Dinner
- 7:15pm** Session 1 - The Call to Speak
- 8:30pm** Dessert Fellowship

## Saturday

- 8am** Coffee & Fellowship
- 9am** Session 2 - The Truth to Speak
- 10:20am** Break
- 10:30am** Smallgroup Discussion (check map for location)
- 11:45am** Lunch
- 1pm** Session 3 - The Grace to Speak
- 2:20pm** Break
- 2:30pm** Session 4 - The Confidence to Speak

# About THE SPEAKER

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# Session 1

## The Call to Speak

1. Introduction (Psalm 19:7-8; Ephesians 4:11-16)
2. The Call to Speak the Truth in Love
  - a. God gives pastors for the building up the body of Christ (the church). (Ephesians 4:11-12)
    - i. Pastors equip believers with the word of God.
    - ii. Believers build up one another by serving and speaking. (I Peter 4:11)
    - iii. The ultimate end is that God is glorified through Christ.
  - b. God gives purposes/goals for building up of the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:13)
    - i. Goal #1: Unity of the Faith
    - ii. Goal #2: Knowledge of the Son of God
    - iii. Goal #3: Christlike Maturity
  - c. God gives a plan for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:14-16)
    - i. The result of building up one another is that we will no longer be spiritual children.
    - ii. We will become spiritually strong as we speak truth in love to one another.
    - iii. As each believer does their part, Christ grows and builds the church in love.
3. When to Speak the Truth in Love (Galatians 6:1-2; I Thessalonians 5:14)
  - a. Admonish the unruly.
  - b. Encourage the fainthearted.
  - c. Help the weak.
4. Conclusion





## Session 2

# The Truth to Speak

1. Introduction
2. Four Attributes of Scripture
  - a. The Authority of Scripture (1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12)
  - b. The Inerrancy of Scripture (Psalm 119:160; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; Proverbs 30:5)
  - c. The Clarity of Scripture (Psalm 119:99-100)
  - d. The Sufficiency of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
3. Five Things Scripture Accomplishes in the Lives of Believers
  - a. Scripture Increases Our Knowledge of God (Hebrews 1:1-2; Exodus 34:6-7)
  - b. Scripture Sanctifies Us (Psalm 119:11, 31; John 17:17)
  - c. Scripture Makes Us Wise (2 Timothy 3:15; Proverbs 1:2-3; James 3)
  - d. Scripture Encourages Us (Psalm 119: 28, 147, 150)
  - e. Scripture Brings Blessing into Our Lives (Psalm 128:1-2, 119:56)
4. Six Ways to Faithfully Handle Scripture When Speaking Truth in Love
  - a. Carefully study God's word for yourself. (2 Timothy 2:15; Ezra 7:10)
  - b. Don't add to God's word. (Mark 7:6-7)
  - c. Don't take away from God's word. (Matthew 5:9)
  - d. Point your friend to Christ, his gospel, and its implications for her life. (Ephesians 2:8-10; Ephesians 4:32; Philippians 4:5-6)
  - e. Pray--acknowledge your dependence on the Lord and ask for his help. (John 17:17)
  - f. Trust the Lord to use his word as he intends and to do his good work in his good time. (Isaiah 55:11; Philippians 1:6)
5. CONCLUSION







## Table Talk

### SMALLGROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Ephesians 4:11-13. What are the three goals for Christian relationships found in verse 13? How can these goals impact how you view and interact with other believers? List at least 5 practical ways you can pursue these goals with others in your church.
2. Why is it sometimes difficult to bear one another's burdens? Read Galatians 6:1-4 and answer these questions: Who is to be restored? Who is to do the restoring? How are we to restore one another? In these verses, what are two things that we need to beware of when bearing another's burden? How do these verses encourage you as you consider speaking the truth in love? (If there is time, read Galatians 5:22-26. How do these verses relate to Galatians 6:1-4?)
3. Read Matthew 6:25-34. List and discuss 3 truths from this passage that you could share with a worried friend. (If there is time, read Lamentations 3:19-26, 55-58. List and discuss three truths from this passage that you could share with a grieving friend.)
4. PRAYER PROMPT: As a group, thank God for his Word and for the Spirit who transforms our lives through the Word. Ask God for wisdom and grace to share his truth with others in need.





# Session 3

## Q&A

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## Session 4

# THE CONFIDENCE TO SPEAK

1. Introduction (2 Corinthians 3:4-5; Ephesians 4:15-16)
  - a. Our sufficiency is from God. (2 Corinthians 3:4-5)
  - b. Christ is the one who ultimately builds his church. (Ephesians 4:15-16)
  - c. Confidence to speak the truth in love arises from knowing the power of the word and the presence of God.
2. The Presence of the Lord (Exodus 3:9-10)
  - a. The Lord Is with You (Exodus 3:11-12)
  - b. The Lord Has Sent You (Exodus 3:13-15)
  - c. The Lord Will Validate His Word (Ex. 4:1-5)
  - d. The Lord Will Teach You (Exodus 4:10-12)
  - e. The Lord Will Provide a Way for You to Obey (Exodus 4:13-16)
3. Conclusion
  - a. God alone is our confidence to speak.
  - b. “Do not shrink” from speaking the truth in love. (Acts 20:18-20, 24-27, 32)
  - c. Final Questions
    - i. Will you obey God’s call to speak his truth into your loved one’s life?
    - ii. Will you carefully consider what her specific spiritual burden is, and then seek to respond to it biblically?
    - iii. Will you trust that God’s word is powerful to transform her life?
    - iv. Will you be gracious with her as God has been gracious with you?
    - v. As you speak the truth in love, will you place your confidence—your trust—in God alone?

