

Fire Pit Topic September 2018: "A Man and his Mouth"

Purpose: To encourage men to look at how they are using their mouths, especially in relationship to their families and those around them. Is your mouth being used to bring health or harm to those around you?

How to illustrate at the chapter meeting: Ask these questions...

1. How many of you were deeply hurt by the words of someone when you were young? (This would be a good place for the person leading this Fire Pit Topic to share a brief personal story of this in their life.)
2. How many of you can remember a time when someone used their mouth to bring words of health and hope to you? (Allow a few to briefly share their experience.)
3. What is your mouth bringing to those closes to you? (No responses needed. Just allow this to be left with each man.)

Fire Pit Discussion: For focus group

1. Talk about the "purpose statement" from the Fire Pit Topic.
2. Illustrated in History: It is said that during WWII, the words of Winston Church on the BBC radio, got the people of England through their darkest hours. His words brought hope and encouragement to the nation.
3. References in the Bible:
 - a. Proverbs 18: 21, Psalm 17: 3, Proverbs 10: 11; 21: 23
 - b. James 3: 3- 12
 - c. Matthew 15: 18 (What comes out of my mouth is a reflection of what is in my heart.)
4. Illustrated in the life of Jesus:
 - a. Jesus said he came to bring (speak) "good news". Luke 4: 18- 19
 - b. John 6: 68: Jesus had "words of life".
5. Application: How will you use your mouth?
 - a. Purpose not to transgress with your mouth: Psalm 17: 3
 - b. Stop using your mouth to bring harm.
 - c. Use your mouth to bring life. Psalm 19: 14