

YELLOW LIGHT

careful priorities
careful community



Week Two | Careful Conversations | 11.07-08.2020

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: Yellow lights are reminders to be cautious of our surroundings and proceed carefully. How do you respond to the yellow lights in your life? It's easy to go full speed ahead, but what can we learn by slowing down and looking around?

» Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is your favorite brand slogan?
- Digging Deeper: How can words impact the way you view things in life?

» Observation | Read James 3:1-12; Luke 6:45 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Words may be neutral, but you are not. (12 minutes)

- Why do our words carry so much weight? What is it about the way God made us that gives power to words?

» Sticks and Stones | Reference James 3:1-5a (12 minutes)

- What is James' warning to those who lead or offer counsel to others?
- What words play on repeat in your life?

» If You Have Nothing Nice to Say | Reference James 3:5b-8 (12 minutes)

- Our words can bring joy, or they can destroy. How have you used your words to heal others?
- How have you used your words to harm others? Who can you still go and apologize to right now?

» I Am Rubber, You Are Glue... | Reference James 3:9-12; Luke 6:45 (12 minutes)

- What is it in your heart that is controlling the words that come out of your mouth?
- What do your words say about your heart?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- Proverbs 18:21 says our words can give life and take life. They can bring light or add darkness. How have you given light and life with your words? How have you spoken death and darkness?
- Close by praying for each other to pay close attention to the words we speak this week.