

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What is the most underrated holiday movie and why?

1. Describe a time when (for better or worse) what someone said to you impacted you over a long period of time.
2. When have your words impacted another person with that kind of momentum?
3. As Pastor Tony explained, [Ephesians 4:29](#) gives specific direction on how we should speak...or not speak. How do our Spirit-filled words (or silence) help point others to the God who loves them? ([Proverbs 18:20](#))
4. Why might we skip over or excuse our "unwholesome talk" ([Ephesians 4:29, NIV](#)) be it sarcasm, put-downs disguised as humor, harsh words, lying, swearing, complaining, judgmental tones and so on? What is God asking you to begin to specifically start doing differently here? ([Proverbs 10:11, 32](#), [Proverbs 12:6](#))
5. Who are three people in your life who need a blessing like we learned about, and what could they hear from you, in order to hear from God?

Day One: [Mark 7](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 35](#)

Day Three: [2 Corinthians 3](#)

Day Four: [2 Peter 3](#)

Day Five: [Job 35](#)

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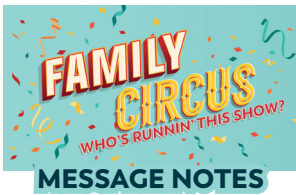
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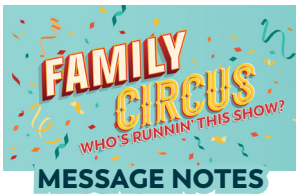
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