



STUDY GUIDE - June 30 2019

Message Title: Think Before You Post

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This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.

Read these scriptures: Luke 6:45, Luke 6:31, Luke 6:26, Ephesians 4:25-32.

This week we started a new series “Think”. For this series we will be exploring things that we should think about doing before we do them but often do not. Bryan Pope started our series this week with a very important topic with a modern approach. It is always wise to think before you speak, and truthfully, we often do, but today we have social media platforms and the culture it creates is a platform for anyone to say whatever they feel. Many folks do a good job navigating this powerful tool, others abstain, still others can be consumed by it. The average person worldwide spends 2 hours and 23 minutes a day on social media.

Wherever you land on using social media relax, this isn't about judgement. So before we start Bryan is going to share a couple of personal stories in the video.

Watch the video

Now, together discuss a time when you said something or posted something that you wished you could take back.

Read Ephesians 4:25-32

1. What is your takeaways?
2. How does this text apply to our use of technology to communicate?
3. Paul says in verse 26 don't let the sun go down on anger. What does this mean to us in our daily lives in today's culture?
4. Do you think it is possible to end each day with no anger, how, be specific.

Read 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 where Paul describes us a living letter of Jesus. How do these verses apply to the way we communicate today? Discuss the concept that Jesus started a conversation here on earth with his actions and words, and what part we play in being the living continuation of that letter.

What are the common themes, between the passages in Ephesians and 2 Corinthians? List them together.

Pray together for God's presence in our daily lives including our conversations and post.

Challenge:

Consider posting something positive this week with the hashtag #Ephesians429

You may also consider making a phone call and having a cup of coffee with someone who made you have had a conflict with. Remember to be quick to listen

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