

Goal: This week's discussion will help us understand the authority that allows us to confidently decree the Word of God.

Conversation Starter: This week we talked about how our words have consequences. Have group members share about times when their words, or the words of someone they know, had consequences, either good or bad.

Review: Ask Life Group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If members have a hard time recalling the sermon, talk through your notes and share your favorite points.

## Discussion

### We Can Trust the Word of God

Read: Isaiah 55:11

- In this verse, God declares something about His word. What is it?
- What promises does God make in His Word?
- How do we access these promises in our own life?

We have the authority to decree in our own lives!

Read: Job 22:21-30

- In this passage, Eliphaz, a friend of Job, is telling Job that turning to righteousness will cause God to hear his prayers and fulfill his decrees. What is the difference between a prayer and a decree?
- What does Eliphaz seem to indicate is a requirement for God to fulfill our decree? What gives us that authority?
- Read Romans 3:22. Where does our righteousness come from?

### Dig Deeper

- How are believing and decreeing tied together?
- What happens if we have one, but not the other?
- Why does declaring the Word of God require faith?

### Make it Personal

- Based on what you say, what does your future look like?
- Pastor Nathan said, "If I don't like what I'm seeing, I need to look at what I'm saying." James 3:8 says that blessings and curses cannot come from the same mouth. In what ways do we need to bridle our tongues so that we can send our word in the direction we want to see God move in our life?
- In addition to declaring and decreeing the Word of God, what steps can you take in your own life to see positive change?

- What things do we do that make it easier or harder to control our tongue?

Act on it

When you take control of your tongue, you control your destiny. Challenge yourself this week to speak only things that are in line with the word of God. Choose not to let your mouth speak both blessings and curses!

Prayer, prayer requests, and testimonies

Ask Life Group members to share any prayer requests or testimonies they have. Record any notes or prayer requests to pray for members during the week.



