

Sermon Title: When God Speaks- Speaking Life
Sermon Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-9, Ephesians 4:29



Sermon Discussion Guide (6/07)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read Jeremiah 1:4-9 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

What is the significance of this passage beginning in verse 4, not with Jeremiah's actions but with God coming to and speaking to Jeremiah?

What reasons does Jeremiah give in verse 6 for not being able to carry out his call from God? How might these specific reasons Jeremiah gives be restated more broadly to apply generally to the struggles we all face when responding to God's call?

What response does God give to Jeremiah in verses 7-9? What does God's response to Jeremiah reveal to us about living in relationship with God and allowing God to speak through us?

Read Ephesians 4:29. What kind of talk are we to engage in? What kind of talk are we to refrain from engaging in? What are some examples of conversations that reflect the talk we are called to engage in? What are some examples of conversations that reflect the talk we are to refrain from?

Application

Describe a time when God used the words of someone else to significantly impact your life. What emotion do you feel towards this person who chose to speak to you? How would your life be different if this person had not spoken into it? How might considering these things from how someone has spoken life into you encourage you as you seek to speak life into others?

What makes you uncomfortable or gives you reason to hesitate as you consider God using you to speak life into others? In your answer, you may consider that speaking life is helping people become who God created them to be and does not mean that we avoid hard conversations or speaking the truth in love.

Think about every conversation that you have had in the past 3 days (or past week). How many of these conversations led you to help people become the people God created them to be? How many of these conversations involved unwholesome talk (gossip, bitterness, frustration, anger, pride, etc.)? What might God be saying to you through your answer to these questions?

Pastor Kenny closed his sermon by asking us two questions: a) "Who might God want to speak to, through me?" b) "What would God have me say?" How would you answer these questions? What is one step of obedience you will take this week in response to these answers?

Prayer

"Lord, what would You have me say"