

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1340: How Can I Get People to Listen When I Speak?

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1. *As disciples of Christ:*

- How are we to communicate with those outside our faith? (Luke 6:27-28)
- How are we to communicate with those inside our faith? (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- Why is this so difficult? (James 3:8-10)

2. *Describe the tools to use when we want to be heard:*

- List four foundations we should stand upon. What is their source? (James 3:17)
- What should our attitude be before we open our mouths to speak? Why the comparison to salt? (Colossians 4:2-6)

3. *Poisons in our speech: Discuss how these are destructive elements in our communications.*

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| a. Gossip (Romans 1:28-30) | e. Excuses (Luke 14:16-18) |
| b. Judging (Matthew 7:1-3) | f. Exaggeration (Proverbs 10:18-19) |
| c. Negativity (James 3:6) | g. Dogmatism (Ephesians 4:14-15) |
| d. Complaining (1 Corinthians 6:1-2) | |

4. *Powerful Speech Pointers: Discuss these scriptural examples of how to improve our communications.*

- Speak truth and be restrained. (Ephesians 4:25)
- Speak positively and relevantly. (Ephesians 4:29-32)
- Speak with spiritually-sound discipline, as Jesus would speak. (Ephesians 4:31-32)
- Speak selflessly with the cause of the gospel as motivation. (1 Corinthians 9:18-19)
- Speak because we listened and understood those we are addressing. (1 Corinthians 9:20-22)
How did the Apostle Paul illustrate this?
- Speak with the purpose of reflecting discipleship in Christ. (1 Corinthians 9:23)
- Speak personally and positively; recount the listener's character traits, their goodness and what they have meant to you. (Philemon 1:1-7)
- Approach those you speak with through the love of Jesus. (Philemon 1:8-9)
- Paint the big picture with complete honesty. (Philemon 1:10-13)
- Lay out a pathway of reasoning formulated with lofty spiritual principles. This reminds the listener of the godly integrity behind the recommendation. (Philemon 1:14-17, James 1:12)
- Be authentic in your suggestions. Be willing to do what you ask of others. (Philemon 1:18-21)
- Love those to whom we speak in outward and tangible ways. (Philemon 1:22-23)

5. **"Mirror" Questions:** Why am I talking? What is my bottom-line motivation? Am I trying to get back at somebody? Am I trying to weasel my way in to make a point? Am I trying to win adulation from others? OR, am I speaking with the cause of the gospel as the principle that motivates me?

How do you know the difference and what can you do if you are making negative choices?