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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking, then choose the questions that work best for your group.

Summer Wise – Summer Not Week 2 – Mastering My Mouth

ICE-BREAKER:

When have you had to live with the consequences of saying the wrong thing?

DISCUSS:

Why do you think it is so difficult for people to hold their tongue?

Which is easier: To think before I speak? To speak the truth? Or to speak the truth in love?

It has been said that there is no intimacy without truth and there is no truth without conflict. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Please explain your answer.

Who was the last person to say something encouraging to you? What did they say?

READ: *“An honest answer is a sign of true friendship.” - Proverbs 24:26 (GNT)*

*“In the end, people appreciate honest criticism far more than flattery.”
- Proverbs 28:23 (NLT)*

“Someone who holds back the truth causes trouble.” - Proverbs 10:10a (GNT)

Why do we hold back the truth?

Is there a conversation you have been avoiding? Why have you been avoiding it? What would it take for you to decide to take the initiative and have that conversation this week?

APPLICATION:

Who is someone you will encourage with your words this week?

CLOSING PRAYER – *Lord, teach me to value the relationship enough to THINK before I speak, to always speak the TRUTH, and to speak the truth in LOVE.*