

## ***Changing your Climate with Words***

<sup>1</sup> *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.*  
*Genesis 1:1-2 (NLT)*

<sup>4</sup> *Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.*  
*Proverbs 15:4 (NLT)*

### **1. Remember your Words reveal you.**

<sup>33</sup> *“A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad.*

*Matthew 12:33 (NLT)*

<sup>11</sup> *The words of the godly are a life-giving fountain; the words of the wicked conceal violent intentions.*

*Proverbs 10:11 (NLT)*

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### **2. Refine your \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>29</sup> *Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.*  
*Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)*

### **3. Renew your \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>5</sup> *The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from*

*a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.*

*1 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)*

*17 "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."  
3:17 (NIV) Zephaniah*

*2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."  
Genesis 12:2 (NIV)*

### **Life Group Questions**

1. Have you ever had a nickname? Share how you got the nickname.
2. Some names stick and some change over time. If you were to get a "handle" for the way you speak, what would it be?
3. Is there anywhere you need to change the climate in a relationship or group setting?
4. What is the Holy Spirit to you through this message?