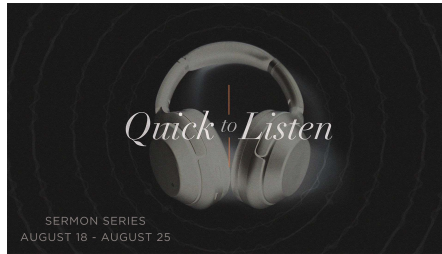


**Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group**



August 25, 2024

“Considerate Speech” - #2 in the series *Quick to Listen*

Texts Referenced (NLT): James 1:19, Ephesians 4:29-32, Proverbs 12:18

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Consider **James 1:19** - *“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.”*
 - What does being “slow to speak” mean?
 - Why does “putting your foot in your mouth” - saying something tactless or embarrassing that upsets someone - seem to happen more often than being “slow to speak”?
3. **Read Ephesians 4: 29, 31-32.**

Paul’s guidance on the content of considerate speech reminds us of the positive and negative impact of words.

 - How have encouraging words from someone made a difference in your life?
 - Why is it nearly impossible to “unhear” hurtful words?
4. In his book, *The Five Love Languages (1992)*, psychologist-anthropologist Dr. Gary Chapman describes “words of affirmation” as language that resonates with people who value verbal expressions that make them feel cherished and understood.
 - In which of the following contexts do you find words of affirmation most important?
Challenging?
 - Romantic Relationships
 - Friendships
 - The Workplace
 - With Yourself
5. **Read Proverbs 12:18.**
 - Why is it difficult for some to offer encouraging words to others?
 - Have you experienced the healing power of someone’s words? What happened?
6. How can we pray for you?