

# Street Smarts

Part 1: Wise Words  
Various passages

## Launch

When the coronavirus crisis is finally over, what is the first thing you will do that you've been wanting to do for weeks? Go on vacation? Eat at a nice restaurant? Hug Nathan Pruett?

## Explore

**Read Proverbs 18:21, 10:19**

Why is the tongue so powerful? What does it mean to "eat its fruit"?

What is the correspondence between the number of words spoken and the likelihood of sin? Give an example of how this could play out.

**Read Proverbs 12:25, 15:23**

While we're warned about the negative impact of words, how can the right words at the right time bring healing? Why doesn't this happen more often?

## Apply

When have your words hurt people? Think of a specific time when your words caused damage: What happened? What did you do to remedy the situation?

Describe a time when someone spoke a message to you that was just what you needed to hear. How did that affect you?

Think of a person in your life who might need encouragement this week. What can you say and do that would help them?

## Pray

Pray that we would be wise in our interactions, that we'd be quick to listen and slow to speak, that we would be full of grace and truth, and that we'd be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, knowing what to say and when to say it.