



PRO TIP | Ok, so maybe your teen isn't ready to get married just yet. As you discuss this week's message, keep these two realities in mind.

1. It's never too early to lay a foundation.
2. These relationship killers don't just apply to marriage relationships.



Matthew 12:34b-37 | APRIL 25 | Week THREE

COMMUNICATION

THE TEXT | Proverbs 18:2; 18:20-21; Matthew 12:34b-37; Ephesians 5:15, 21-27; Psalm 100:4, James 1:6

PLAY | TELEPHONE | Play the classic game of telephone. Limit the times someone can repeat the saying to make it harder. Play a few rounds. Use silly sayings at first, then use Proverbs 18:2 for the last one.

SHARE | Share a time about a funny miscommunication. What went wrong, what was the result?

DISCUSS | Read **Matthew 12:34b-37** and discuss:

- What stands out to you?
- What does it reveal about God?
- What does this tell us about our nature?
- What do you like/dislike about this verse?
- What do you need to do about this truth this week?

Use the above questions to discuss any of today's Scriptures.

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Read Ephesians 5:15

- Give an example of when it is hard to speak the truth in love?
- Share a time when someone did that to you. How did you receive it?
- How do you know whether or not you are really speaking truth in love, or speaking with selfish motives?

PRAY

As a family, ask God for help in your communication skills. That He would help you honor one another and Him by how you communicate with CARE, PRAISE, TRUTH, FAITH and SURRENDER.

KEYS TO GOOD
COMMUNICATION
CARING
PRAISE
TRUTH
FAITH
SURRENDER



Talk about how each of these can improve communication.

- Which is the easiest for you?
- Which is the most difficult for you?
- Who do you know that models this well?

PARENTING CHECK I



Take a minute to reflect on how you are modeling good communication for your family. Spend 30 seconds on each aspect of communication (CARING, PRAISE, TRUTH, FAITH, SURRENDER) and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you your next steps in this area. What action will you take this week to communicate well with your children?