

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

**Wise Guy**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep our upcoming Small Group Leader training in prayer. We are at capacity, and we are excited to see what new faces God brings into this ministry. If you know anyone interested in getting trained, contact a Small Group Coordinator for future dates and details.

## MEMORY VERSE

*“But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart...” Matthew 15: 18 NKJV*

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### GETTING STARTED

As the old riddle goes, “Stick and stones may break my bones, but words may never hurt me.” Is this true? If it so, why? If not, why?

### DIGGING DEEPER

***“A FOOL VENTS ALL HIS FEELINGS, BUT A WISE MAN HOLDS THEM BACK.”***  
***PROVERBS 29:11***

1. Words are merely words, and they cannot physically hurt a person, but they can be damaging in many other ways. List all ways your group can come up with.
2. Scripture says it is wise to limit one’s words. Why is that? Words are not merely negative; they can be very positive and uplifting, so why should we limit them? By needing to limit them, what does that say about us/ man’s heart?
3. We all know someone who “says what’s on their mind”, however, this is not a Biblical practice. In recent years, this mindset has not only become more common, but is sometimes praised. Why is that?
4. “Venting” has become more acceptable in recent years. Do you think it is Biblical? Why or why not?
5. Scripture says that a wise person studies the situation before responding, but this is not always easy. In many conversations, especially conversations that are emotionally charged, people say exactly what they feel at that exact moment. Their words may be completely honest. In these cases, when we speak out of pure emotion and honesty, can we be faulted for our words? Why or why not? Should we be faulted for exclaiming how

we feel at a given moment, even when we are being completely honest? Should our feelings affect what we say? Why or why not?

6. If we don't say what we feel, are we being dishonest? Are we denying who we are?
7. In the sermon, it was said, "Don't write a check that you can't cash." In other words, don't say what you cannot do. Why does this matter? What is the danger of writing checks you can't cash? Share some examples with your group where you wrote a check you couldn't cash (small group appropriate ☺).
8. Why does "bad check writing" happen? Why would someone say something they could not follow through with? Is the person always aware that they can't come through with their statement? If not, why would lead them to say it?
9. A way to never break a verbal commitment is to never make one. Is this the right way of thinking? Why or why not? If not, what is the alternative?

### **BRINGING IT HOME**

#### ***"BETTER NOT TO VOW THAN TO VOW AND NOT PAY" ECCLESIASTES 5: 5 NKJV***

1. For many of us, our foolish statements are like "ums"; they pop out of our mouth and we don't even realize it. The only way to not say "um" is to consciously think before we speak. In the same way, this week, let's watch what we say, and make sure our words are honoring to Him!
2. This week, if someone brings a negative/foolish conversation to you, change the subject! See what happens, and share with your group next week.
3. Finally, don't write any bad checks this week!