## WORDS WITH GRACE

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## **KEY SCRIPTURES**

- <u>1 Thessalonians 5:5-11</u>
- Proverbs 18:21
- <u>Luke 6:45</u>
- <u>Isaiah 6:1-6</u>
- Psalm 141:3

## **KEY POINTS**

- Our words can build up or tear down.
- God wants us to speak love to build up those in the Body of Christ.
- Isaiah was repentant for his and his people's unclean lips. God purified him with a burning coal, atoned for the sin, and sent him.
- Born-again believers need to refrain and repent from perverse (rotten) talk and speak grace as it fits the occasion.
- Speaking the truth in love includes correction. Correction is also a means of grace.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. How would you evaluate your tendencies? Are you more of a criticizer, judge, or encourager?
- 2. In your own words, how does love build up?
- 3. Have you been hurt or wounded by others' words?
- 4. Who do you know that needs to be encouraged right now? What is your next step?