Croftlands Community Church

Midweek Study Notes

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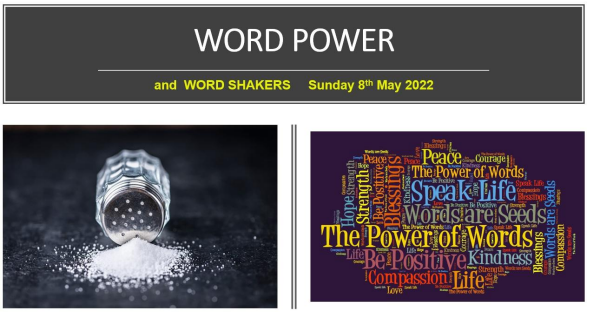
Word Power and Word Shakers



On Sunday morning Angela talked about the power of words. We know from the first few words in the Bible that God spoke life into existence, and **John 1:1** says that '*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God,*' before telling us in **John 1:14** that *'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.'*

Hebrews 4:12 describes the word of God as '*...alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.'* And even the words that come out of our mouths have incredible power to either build people up or bring them down.

Angela showed us the quote *'Your mind is a garden. Your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers. Or you can grow weeds.'* What kind of seeds are you planting in your life?

Have you taken on board negative or insulting words that have been spoken to you over the years? What impact have these words had on you? What about the *positive* words?

Ask God to break the power of the words that have had a negative impact on your life, or in the lives of other people in your group. *Ask Him to forgive you for any such words that you have spoken over someone else.*

Speak out words of praise and thanks to God. Thank Him for the power of his living word, and ask Him to give us opportunities to build up other people by speaking words of *life, love, compassion, peace, blessing, kindness, hope, positivity and strength* into their lives.

Ask God to guide you as you speak words of encouragement to other people in your group.

Other Suggestions For Prayer

Pray for Phil Clark and the rest of the Clark family as they prepare for Phil to have spinal surgery. Pray that God will oversee the logistics and provide the finances, and that the surgery will give Phil life-changing results.

Pray for the Leadership Team as they prepare to meet for their away day on Saturday. Pray that God will guide them into making the right decisions about the church's future.