

## LIFE Group Questions for the week of March 11, 2018

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1. What were the most powerful words spoken to you or about you as a child? Who spoke them? How did those words affect who you are today (for good or bad)?
2. What are all of the verbs the author uses to describe God's activity at creation in Genesis 1 (e.g. God created, God said, etc...)?
3. What did God say after he created the heavens and earth? After He made man (1:31)? What does the addition of "very" suggest about man in relation to the rest of creation? How many times does the author of Genesis note God's affirmation of what he created and what do you think is the significance?
4. Why do you think God chose to *speak* things into existence? In what ways do the words we use create? Destroy? How are the words you use regularly affecting your. . .

Family?  
Team?  
Church?  
Organization?  
Community/Neighbors?

*(For reference read James 3:1-12 for a description of the power of the tongue)*

5. Who in your life needs to be encouraged? Who needs to be challenged? Who needs to be affirmed/blessed? What will you do this week to use your words to create rather than tear down? From whom do you need to ask forgiveness for using your words to hurt?

*Note: The creation account appears to be less concerned about HOW long it took to create the earth, but more concerned about WHO and WHY? God (WHO) created the Heavens and the Earth according to Genesis. The natural response to this knowledge is worship (WHY). "In the beginning God..." These four words remind us that even though we are the pinnacle of God's creation as image-bearers, and are deemed "very good", we are not God. He is the one who spoke everything out of nothing into existence. Genesis reminds us to revel and wonder in this beauty.*

6. As you close, spend some time praying together as a group. Exercise the creativity God has given each of you by using specific and colorful words to celebrate and worship the Creator God.

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