

Message Series: Seven

Message Title: Chat

Key Scripture:

Proverbs 18:21

Other scriptures: Matthew 12:33–37

Theme

7: the less deadly sins.

Why? We are wanting to be the authentic church that God calls of us, so we can in contrast, witness to the world.

— it is easy to make distinctions when it comes to sin. Despite the obvious consequences of certain actions, ultimately, the Bible doesn't really categorise, but warns that doing whatever we feel like doing is not a free life.

Our trouble is often because we excuse, or minimise, our own sin, the sin that is in us. Whatever we commit we must realise it is no less deadly. We are aiming to become more and more like Jesus, not legalistic nit picking, or under compulsion or guilt but who we are becoming!

Message Summary

Words kill. Words give life. The first part of the series looks at our 'Chat'. Idle words Jesus calls them. Chat was originally used by British soldiers in the First World War, they used to gather in a communal group to delouse themselves, (obviously because of health but it became a social situation where they talked, hence 'chatted'. You may need to delouse yourself from your words, from your chat. So we can become like Jesus!

Whole Group Questions

- Think & Talk: What are you making a practice of in your speech?
- Do you walk what you talk?
- Jesus lives up to everything he says. What about us?

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

How do we build one another up with our words?

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

Jesus simply guides us, by saying let your yes be yes and your no be no — if you say it will you do it?

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

We must unify the issue of sin in all of us, that we are all in the same place before God. He saves us by His grace. We can support, challenge, care for, and build each other up. Relationship is key. Where is that in your ministry?

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

How can we use words in contrast to the world? Can this be a witness?

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

Blessing and curse should not come out the same mouth.

How will your praise bless the Lord?