

## TALK 2: THE POWER TO CHANGE

### 1. Intro: The striking before-and-after picture

ROMANS 1-3		ROMANS 15
Refusal to thank God or glorify him	→	praising and glorifying
Evil, divisive speech	→	unified call to worship

But how to get there?

**Luke 6:43-45** *For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, <sup>44</sup>for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup>The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. (ESV)*

### 2. Accept this truth

### 3. Know that your sin has been forgiven and you are justified.

**Romans 3:21-24.** *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (ESV)*

4. Know that the power of sin is broken in our lives.

**FOR REFLECTION AFTER THE TALK**

Please read Ephesians 4:17-5:2. How does this passage relate to what we've been saying about forgiveness and the broken power of sin?

What other motives does it give for godly living and speech?

Specifically, how is our speech shaped by what God has done through Jesus here?

**ANOTHER OPTION FOR A QUIET MOMENT THIS WEEKEND**

Read through Psalm 51. What is the connection here between heart and lips?

How does David model good speech for us?