**FOCUS Bible Study - February 15**

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**Meeting Purpose**

[FOCUS Bible Study group discussion on "Corrupt Communication"](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=728.0)

**Key Takeaways**

* [Our words should build up others and minister God's grace, not tear down](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=885.0)
* [Speaking truth comes from having an understanding of God's grace in our lives](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=921.0)
* [We must be intentional about putting off the "old man" of corrupt speech and putting on the "new man" of truthful, edifying words](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=900.0)

**Topics**

**Welcome & Introductions**

* [Rick welcomed attendees and explained the meeting is recorded/transcribed](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=756.0)
* [New attendee Carmen joined after finding the group on Meetup](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=659.0)

**Ephesians 4:29 - Let No Corrupt Communication Proceed**

* [Discussed the Greek meaning of "corrupt communication" as worthless, rotten, unwholesome speech](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=814.0)
* [Our words should benefit others, be pleasant/joyful, and minister God's grace](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=881.0)
* [We must bridle our tongues to avoid deceiving our own hearts](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=1920.0)

**Importance of Speaking Truth**

* [Evil company/communication corrupts good character (1 Cor 15:33)](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=1533.0)
* [Those who seem religious but don't control their tongue deceive themselves (James 1:26)](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=1838.0)
* [We must be careful not to turn from God by letting our hearts be deceived (Deut 11:16)](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=2163.0)

**Speaking Truth Comes from God's Grace**

* [Wisdom speaks truth; truth and wisdom are tied together (Prov 8:7)](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=3066.0)
* [To abide in God's presence requires speaking truth (Psalm 15:1-3)](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=3240.0)
* [We are called to be holy in our conversation/behavior as God is holy (1 Peter 1:15)](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=3709.0)

**Putting Off the Old Man**

* [The full chapter of Ephesians 4 instructs putting off corrupt speech and putting on the new man](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=3900.0)
* [This requires being renewed in our minds and speaking truth to one another](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=3900.0)

**Open Discussion**

* [Attendees shared personal experiences with God's grace changing their ability to communicate truth](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=4038.0)
* [The importance of empathy, love and meeting people where they're at was discussed](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=4559.0)

**Next Steps**

* [Pray for Lee Anne's mother Jackie's comfort](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=4871.0)
* [Pray for Michael's upcoming cancer biopsy and healing](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=4891.0)
* [Pray for Luke's visit with his father Ronald](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=4925.0)
* [Pray for Rick's hip pain](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=4957.0)
* [Email Rick if interested in his free biblical finance course](https://fathom.video/share/45THzssVjWWEechfZ46KkGyA71pkx9n5?tab=summary&timestamp=5210.0)