

## Project 20 : Verse 4 Week 5 (12<sup>th</sup> November)

<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>
Paul is instructing Timothy to tackle those in the church who use their speech negatively. This is something we can all be prone to. Let's unpack what Paul is teaching and how verse 4 applies to us.
<b>2. READ</b>
Let's read 1 Timothy chapter 1 verse 4 together.
<b>3. WATCH</b>
Let's watch this short video clip together.
<b>4. DISCUSS</b>
<b>Questions:</b>
Paul is warning us in this verse about what we focus our speech on. What things do we debate and talk about as Christians that are pointless?
Why do we focus on controversial and 'pointless' things?
How can you tell the difference between something important for the church to discuss and something 'pointless'?
What should we be discussing or talking about? Read Titus 3:9-10, James 1:19-26, Colossians 4:6 and 2 Timothy 2:16
With all of his learning Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:2 'For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified'. Why does Paul say this?
What can we do in situations where the conversation becomes 'unhelpful' or 'controversial' or 'pointless'?
Jesus warns us in Matthew 12:34-37 about the words that we speak. What strikes you about what Jesus says in this passage?
In 1 Samuel 10:20-24 the Israelites chose Saul as King because of his outward appearance, why do we have celebrity Christians today?
How can you make sure your speech is helpful for building others up as instructed in Ephesians 4:29?
<b>5. Over to you... (personal application)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What did you find challenging in this study?</li> <li>▪ Is there anything the Holy Spirit is highlighting that you need to work on after this study?</li> <li>▪ Make a decision – let's not just be those who hear God's word but those who live it out. Make a decision based on this study of how you are going to walk this teaching out personally.</li> <li>▪ Take time to read 1 Timothy 1 verse 3-5 over the next few days and really consider what you are reading. We are going to be studying verse 5 at our next connect group.</li> </ul>