



STUDY GUIDE

February 28, 2021

Message Series:

Jesus' Greatest Hits

Message Title:

Movin' On

Teaching Pastor:

Vernon Gordon

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

Would you consider yourself a hoarder or not? What are the oddest things you keep?

Pray:

Dear Lord, as this is the season of preparation for Easter, help us to take time to reflect on who we really are in You. Apart from You we can do nothing, so help us to pause and hear from You as we learn from Your Word and from each other. We trust in You and pray in Your Son's name, Jesus. Amen.

Get Started:

"Jesus shows us not only what we see, but where it starts. He deals with symptoms and the source. Your speech is the harvest of your heart." -Pastor Vernon Gordon

Read Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 15:18, James 3:2-11.

- Share a time when you have hurt someone or been hurt by words.
- Share some methods that help you to avoid negative speech.

Watch and Discuss Video: (running time 10 min.)

"People can tell a lot about what's really in our heart by what we actually say. And they can measure that against our faith." -Pastor Vernon Gordon

Read Luke 6:43-45.

- Reflecting on this passage and the previous passages on speech, do you think the old cliché of "Actions speak louder than words" is Biblical truth? Explain.

Reflect and Commit:

"We all know what it's like to store stuff that you should have moved out a long time ago. You would never, stick this trash in these containers. Because we know eventually it would compromise the quality, smell, and even the foundation of the house... We would never do that in our homes... But we do it in our heart. We take some of the messiest moments and memories, the heaviest baggage, the most compromising habits and attributes... and we store them... in our hearts. Even deeper we allow the seeds of sin, and bitterness, and brokenness, and anger, and fear, and worry, and resentment, and judgement, and discord... to be stored... in our hearts. And these things take up space in a place where God wants to reside. Our hearts." -Pastor Vernon Gordon

Read Ezekiel 36:26 and Psalm 139:23-24.

- While moving can be painful and tedious, it is necessary at times. What happens if we resist this process in our hearts after a while?
- When we are moving out of a home and need the help of others packing up, why do we tend to get embarrassed or defensive in these situations regarding our things? Share a story about when you helped someone to pack up or when someone helped you.

Read the scripture below, then take a minute to silently reflect on whether the fruit that comes out of your mouth reflects the specific category (from Pastor Gordon's message).

What We Should Be Storing in Our Hearts

1. **A Heart of Faith - (Romans 10:17).**
2. **A Heart of Peace - (John 14:27).**
3. **A Heart of Love- (1 John 4:7).**

Pray:

Dear Lord, help us to do inventory of the contents of our hearts and give us the strength to move out what shouldn't be stored there. Take up fully all of the space that You want residence in, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Let our speech, the overflow of our hearts, be fruitful for You and to those around us, offering a message of faith, peace and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.