



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of November 24, 2025

1. It's a sad reality that in today's world, there are people who use words like a weapon. They will smile to your face and use happy, positive speech, but then stab you in the back with malicious actions to get what they want. Have you ever been on the receiving end of someone else's scheme? What did they SAY... and what did they DO? Share your story with the group.
2. Read Proverbs 26:23-28. Also read Luke 6:45. What did Jesus say about the connection between the outside and the inside of a person? Explain this in your own words.
3. In verse 23, what object did Solomon compare to an evil person's mouth and speech? Have you ever purchased something that you thought was quality metal or wood – only to discover it was cheap tin or processed particle-board? What did Jesus say to the religious elites about this topic in Luke 11:39?
4. Look again at verses 24-26. Explain the contrast between the FIRST part of the verses—compared to the SECOND part. If the number seven (7) in the Bible represents fullness or completeness, what does Solomon say about the evildoer's heart in verse 26?
5. Proverbs are not guaranteed promises, but they are strong possibilities. According to verse 27, what often happens to evil people who plot and scheme against others? Have you ever seen this before? How did you see a person's scheme backfire on themselves? What does the New Testament say about this topic in Galatians 6:7?
6. What is flattery? How would you explain it in your own words? Read Psalm 12:2-3 and Proverbs 29:5.
7. Is it wrong to give someone a compliment about their looks or hard work? When are kind words a good thing? (1 Thess. 5:11) When do kind words turn into sinful flattery?
8. Think deeply about verse 27: How could smooth, lying words and flattering/excessive complements lead to a person's ruin? Could you give an example from everyday life?

Have someone close your group in prayer, asking God to give you the courage and commitment to speak with truth and love in all your daily interactions.

Ask God to grant you the wisdom to help you discern the silky, smooth words of malicious people who mean to hurt you!

If someone butters you up with smooth words, be careful that you're not the one on the menu.