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## Introduction

Title: It Starts at the Heart

Text: Matt 15:15-20

Theme: To change our voice in society we must first consider what has been happening in our hearts. We should spend less time trying to restrain what we say about people and more time having our hearts reconstructed for people.

## Discussion

Read Proverbs 15:4 and Proverbs 24:26

1. How is this scripture speaking to the importance of being honest?
  - a. How would you rate yourself on how honest you are normally?

Read Proverbs 15:1 and Proverbs 25:15

2. ...a gentle tongue can break a bone. This shows us that there is power in having a gentle approach when talking to others. How have you seen gentleness prevail in conflict?

Read Proverbs 18:8

3. Why do you think it is important to address people directly when there is an issue?

Read Proverbs 25:11

4. How have you experienced proper/improper timing words from people in the church community?

Read Proverbs 10:19

5. Are you overtalking or undertalking in general?
  - a. How can you have a better balance?

\*\*\* Please talk through the events of the weekend where we are partnering with Flatbush Fest. We will not be having Sunday Service on June 11 but rather we will be volunteering with flatbush fest that day.\*\*\*

### **Kick-Off Party - Friday, June 9, 8pm-11pm**

Celebrate the start of Flatbush Fest's Weekend of Community Love! Featuring a dozen local artists, live music, drinks and more at PLG's hottest creative community space, BKLYN Commons! Our opening event for a weekend of fun!

### **Flatbush Talks - Saturday, June 10, 12pm-3pm**

Be a game changer in your community! Learn from local leaders and nonprofit CEOs how to be an agent of change through community engagement. Hosted by the Haitian-American Community Coalition, serving Brooklyn for 35 years! An intimate afternoon of networking, learning, delicious Caribbean food and performances!

**Unity Festival - Sunday, June 11, 11am-5pm**

Join us at Flatbush Fest's first annual Unity Festival! Enjoy great food and great company as we present LIVE performances, make music & art, and bring together the local community!

**Additional Reading**

Additional Scriptures on how to use words wisely

Matthew 15:18

Colossians 3:8

Colossians 4:6