# Speech and SalvationPrelude (Friday evening)Getting the Question Right

Bible reading: Matthew 28

# Speech and SalvationSession 1 (Saturday morning)Saved by the mouth

Bible reading: Deuteronomy 32

Does God command every individual Christian to evangelise?

What does the gospel have to do with our speech?

**Romans 1-3**

Shut your mouth

I’m not good enough

**Romans 10:8-10**

**Sin**

**Salvation**

Speech / Song

**Isaiah 59**

**Psalm 51**

**Deuteronomy 32**

But we’re saved
by the mouth

I’m not really a “speaking” kind of Christian

I’m not gifted enough

But God puts the words right in your mouth

# Speech and SalvationTeaching session 2 (Saturday morning)Speech, not works

But don’t you feel the need for speech?

I can promote the gospel better by my good works

Bible reading: Romans 10

**Romans 10:11-18**

**Rejoice in gifted gospel-speakers**

**Learn from gifted gospel-speakers**

**Delight first and foremost in the gospel itself, not in the gifted gospel-speakers**

**Understand yourself in light of the gospel**

Let’s learn how to talk

I can’t do what they’re doing

*Share with the group:*

How did you first hear the gospel of Jesus Christ?

What other ways do you hear the gospel of Jesus Christ now?

What ways of speaking the gospel do you enjoy the most? Why?

What kinds of speaking the gospel do you find the hardest? Why?

Discussion groups:
Our experiences of gospel speech

# Speech and SalvationSession 3 (Saturday afternoon)Learning how to talk

## Learning how to talk

## Discussion groups: Different kinds of gospel speech

### Step 1: Brainstorm

As a group, write down all the different kinds of gospel speech you can. Think of concrete examples of gospel speech that you’ve seen in action; but also think creatively about possibilities you might not have seen. Feel free to say crazy things. At this stage, the purpose isn’t to criticise or evaluate, but to get as many ideas out there as possible.

### Step 2: Describe

Choose some of the things you called out during the brainstorm, and explain to the group a bit more about what they involve.

### Step 3: Eliminate.

Are there any of the things the group listed during the brainstorming that should be eliminated—either because they’re just ridiculous (even if they were fun to mention during the brainstorm), or because they aren’t really examples of gospel speech at all?

### Step 4: Apply.

Think about yourself—your experiences, gifts, preferences. Now categorise the different kinds of gospel speech you mentioned into the following three types (the answers will be different for each person!)

**Type 1:
Inside my comfort zone.**

**Type 2: Possible, but just outside my comfort zone.**

**Type 3: Way outside my comfort zone.**

### Step 5: Share

Share with the group how and why you categorised the various kinds of gospel speech.

### Preparing for tomorrow:

Have a look at the discussion group questions for tomorrow (“Growing in gospel speech”) and think about how you might answer them in the group.

# Speech and SalvationSession 4 (Sunday morning)Gospel speech, insiders and outsiders

Bible reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

**1 Corinthians 12:2-3**

**Ephesians 4:11-16**

But speech is in your DNA

I’m not the mouth in Christ’s body

**Colossians 3:16-17**

## Summing up…

**Galatians 2:11-16**

Of course. But don’t deny the gospel.

I’m more comfortable speaking the gospel to insiders rather than outsiders

For each of the 3 different kinds of gospel speech (see yesterday), choose an example.

Discussion groups:
Growing in gospel speech

For each example, answer the questions below.

**Type 3: Way outside my comfort zone.**

**Type 2: Possible, but just outside my comfort zone.**

**Type 1:
Inside my comfort zone.**

Share your answers with the group. Pray for one another.

**Kind of gospel speech:**

How can I support and encourage other people to speak the gospel in this way? E.g. can I pray, or provide practical help, or financial support?

**Kind of gospel speech:**

What practical steps can I take to move beyond my comfort zone and try to engage in this kind of gospel speech more?

What role models can I learn from as I’m doing this?

**Kind of gospel speech:**

What practical steps can I take to make sure I speak the gospel in this way more and more?

How can I act as a role model to others in this area? E.g. can I encourage or help other people to speak the gospel in this way?