

Speech and Salvation  
Prelude (Friday evening)  
Getting the Question Right

Bible reading: Matthew 28

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Session 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?

I'm not good enough

Shut your mouth

Romans 1-3

I'm not gifted enough

But God puts the words right in your mouth

Sin

Salvation

Speech / Song

Deuteronomy 32

Isaiah 59

Psalms 51

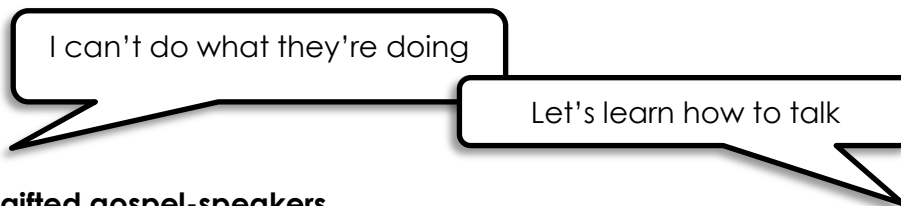
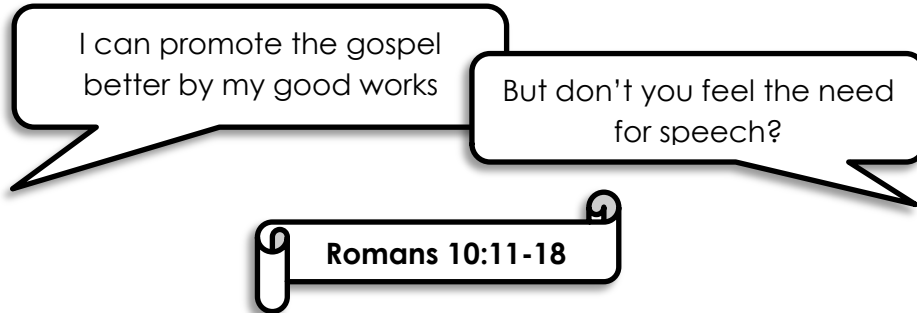
I'm not really a "speaking"  
kind of Christian

But we're saved  
by the mouth

Romans 10:8-10

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Teaching session 2 (Saturday morning)  
Speech, not works

Bible reading: Romans 10

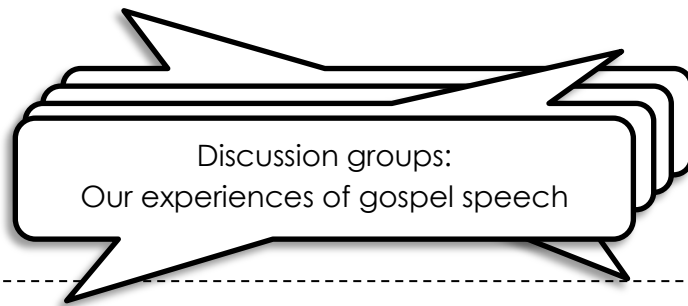


**Rejoice in gifted gospel-speakers**

**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**



*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?

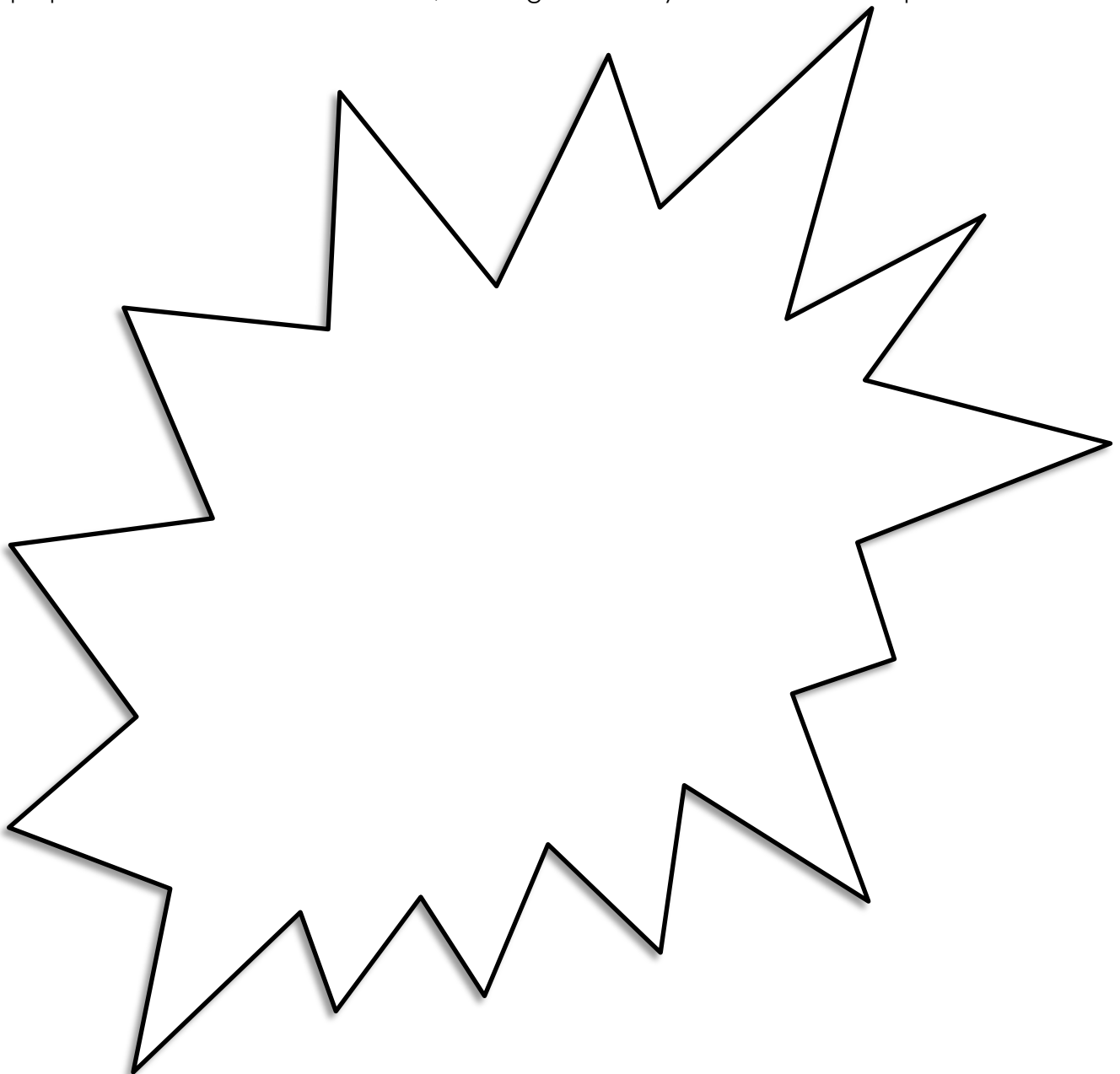
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Session 3 (Saturday afternoon)  
Learning how to talk

**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**

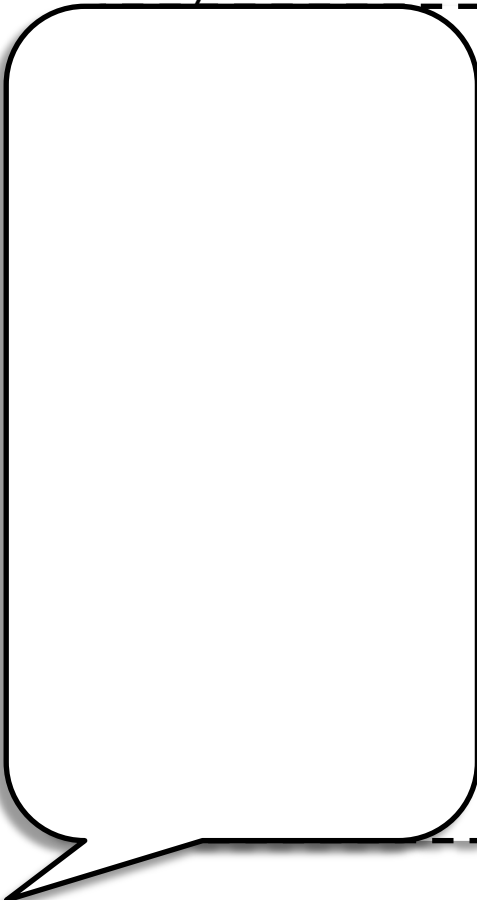

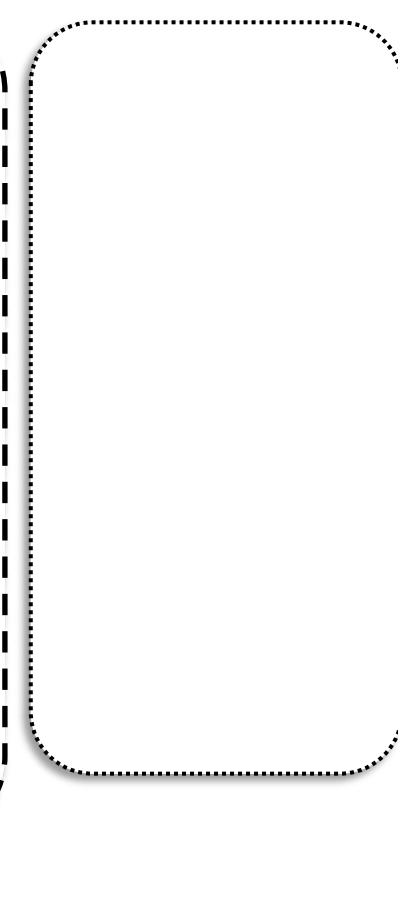
Choose some of the things you called out during the brainstorm, and explain to the group a bit more about what they involve.

**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!)

<b>Type 1: Inside my comfort zone.</b>	<b>Type 2: Possible, but just outside my comfort zone.</b>	<b>Type 3: Way outside my comfort zone.</b>
		

**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.

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Session 4 (Sunday morning)  
Gospel speech, insiders and outsiders

Bible reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

I'm not the mouth in Christ's body

But speech is in your DNA

1 Corinthians 12:2-3

Ephesians 4:11-16

Colossians 3:16-17

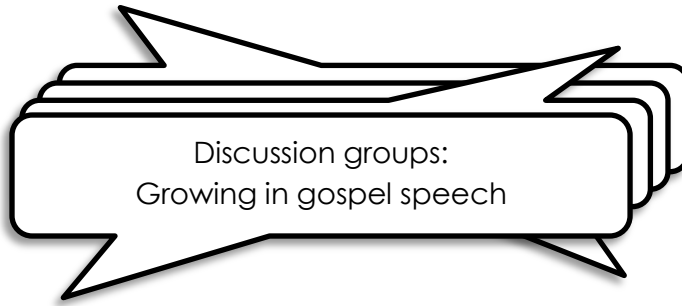
I'm more comfortable speaking the gospel to insiders rather than outsiders

Of course. But don't deny the gospel.

Galatians 2:11-16

Summing up...





Discussion groups:  
Growing in gospel speech

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

For each example, answer the questions below.

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

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

**Kind of gospel speech:**

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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?

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

**Kind of gospel speech:**

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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?

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

**Kind of gospel speech:**

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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?