1. Do your words reflect a willingness to serve others or a demand that they serve you?
2. As you face the struggles in your talk, do you do so with a recognition of the gospel – God's forgiveness, his enabling grace and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit?

**Course Outline:**

Part One: Talk is Not Cheap

1. ***God Speaks***
2. Satan Speaks
3. The Word in the Flesh
4. Idol Words

Part Two: A New Agenda for Our Talk

1. He is King!
2. Following the King for All the Wrong Reasons
3. Speaking for the King
4. Getting to the Destination
5. Citizens in Need of Help
6. On the King’s Mission

Part Three: Winning the War of Words

1. First Things First
2. Winning the War of Words
3. Choosing Your Words

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***AM Core Seminars—War of Words***

**Part One: Talk is Not Cheap**

**Class 1: When God Speaks**

1. **Introduction**
2. **Talk is Not Cheap**

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.*

* *Proverbs 18:21*

1. **Words Have Value**
   1. **God Speaks**

*( Isaiah 40)*

* 1. **People Speak**
  2. **Words Interpret**

1. **Conclusion**

**Self-Evaluation Questions**

1. Does your talk with others lead to biblical problem solving?
2. Does your talk have a “stand together” or a “me against him/her” posture?
3. Do your words encourage others to be open and honest about their thoughts and feelings?
4. Are you approachable and teachable or are you defensive and self-protective when talking with others?
5. Is your communication healthy in the principal relationships in your life?
   * parent-child
   * husband-wife
   * extended family
   * sibling relationships
   * employer-employee
   * Friend-friend
   * body of Christ
   * neighbour-neighbour
6. Does your talk encourage faith and personal spiritual growth in those around you?
7. Do you talk with others to develop relationships with them, or do you only talk to solve problems during times of trouble?
8. Do you speak humble and honest words of confession when you sin and words of sincere forgiveness when others sin against you?