Choosing to live today like there was...

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Sermon Notes:

no tomorrow!

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Prayerfully nurturing and sending discipled believers to present Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

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going deeper...

...**around the kitchen table** (for family *or* small group discussion)

- Read the following Scriptures together: James 3:9-10, Matt 12:36-37, Proverbs 18:21. Can you summarize what they say about godly speech in one sentence?
- Have you ever seen someone get hurt by words that were said as a joke? Does the fact that it was a joke make it okay?
- Does gratitude come easy for you? Practice gratitude by naming 10 people that you are very thankful are in your lives.

...in bible study

- How would you define gossip? What qualifies? Why is it so easy to gossip about people?
- How have you been hurt by other people's words? Do you think your words have hurt anyone recently? What did you do about it?
- What are the most common ways that Christians "tear down" others with their words? What are our most common excuses or rationalizations for speaking ungraciously (e.g. I was just kidding....)?
- Consider conversations you have been a part of (you may have only been present and not said anything) which were hurtful for someone else. What could/should you have done?
- What are the things that Christians grumble about the most? What does grumbling accomplish?
- Should we always tell the complete truth? Is there ever a time when something, even if true, should not be said?
- Have you ever said something to make a valid point that unfairly reflected on someone or hurt them? Is that an appropriate thing to do?
- What do you think Jesus would say about crude language and humor? How okay is it to listen such language, even if you don't use it?
- If you knew there was no tomorrow, how would it change **your** regular habit of speaking?