I DECLARE  
Community Group Questions  
Criticism

**LEAN IN**

* Name a time when you chose to encourage rather than criticize. Why did you choose to do that?

**LOOK DOWN** *Read Luke 6:45*

* This isn’t the only time Jesus talks about the heart, why do you think He warns us to take care of it? How does it affect how we communicate?
* What do you think are the “good things” the passage refers to? How do we get an “overflow?”

**LOOK OUT**

* Have you ever been a part of a team where there was constant criticism? How did this affect the relational dynamics?
* Can you identify one person that has the weight in their words and content of character to criticize you?

**LOOK IN**

* How has criticism negatively affected the direction your life has taken?
* Can you commit to speaking up, rather than speaking down on others?
* Knowing that God has good plans for you, how will you combat/handle criticism moving forward?