**Small Groups @ TBC**

**Sermon Discussion Notes**

**Date of Sermon:** 24 January 2016

**Speaker:** Mike Levy

**Title:** What’s in a word?

**Introduction:** Part of the voice of God series, discovering what is meant by the word of God.

**Review:**

1. Words have meaning, power and impact because of the personality they convey – remember Colonel Browning.
2. Words spoken by God brought the created order into being because they were spoken by a God of infinite power and authority, and as a result creation is place in ad through which we can hear the voice of God.
3. Jesus is the living word and the king of all kings in the kingdom of God, and when the living word speaks those words are powerful because they have the authority of the king behind them. And with Jesus is us by his holy spirit we, too, can speak words that have power and authority behind them.
4. The Bible is the written word of God through which God has spoken and still speaks today, but as the written word itself says – it is not the whole word.

**Read:** Psalm 33 focus on vs 4, 6, and 9. John 1 vs 1-3.

 Ecclesiastes 8 vs 4 Matthew 8 vs 5-13

**Reflect:**

1. How can words have such a powerful effect on reality?
2. What is the relationship between words and personality?
3. Share your own Colonel Browning moments in respect of hearing God’s voice.
4. How have you heard God’s voice both in creation and what you have created?
5. In what way do you experience the ability to create in your life?
6. How is the Kingdom of God a verbal reality?
7. Compare the Word as the Son and the Word as the Bible.
8. What was it that to Roman Centurion knew and how did it relate to his faith in Jesus?
9. What is your favorite story of Jesus speaking, and why does it mean so much to you?
10. Share examples of when you feel you have spoken God’s word into someone’s life, what was the impact and how did you feel?
11. In what way has the Bible come alive for you, and with what result?
12. What helps you to read the Bible and hear God’s voice through it?

**Respond:**

Pray for each other based on what comes out of the Reflection. Listen to God, how is he speaking to you right now, what words has he given you to share?