

## ACCESS, 11/17 - Memeing, Trolling, and Roasting

### **Read:**

Matthew 5:13 // <sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

Ephesians 4:29 // <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Luke 6:45 // <sup>45</sup> The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Colossians 3:17 // <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **Big Questions:**

- What the heck is a meme anyway?
- What is the heart/intention behind trolling? Memeing? Roasting?
- Do we need to stop altogether? Slow down? Ramp it up?

### **Teaching Points:**

- Even in seemingly innocent things, we need to examine them to see if they are beneficial or glorifying to God.
- Your words and the way you speak (online or in real life) reveal the heart and can be instruments for building up or tearing down.
- We need to be wise with our words and the way we communicate.
- Have you done something already that needs to be taken care of? How do we address this issue here at our youth group?
- While some students may not struggle with this particular example they all have tendencies to express feelings and actions. Help them process this and set healthy gospel centered boundaries

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What is your understanding of these three terms: memes, trolling, and roasting?
- What is the good, neutral, and bad in memeing, trolling, and roasting?
- What is the root or motivation behind these things? What are the effect(s)? Relationally, intellectually, emotionally, etc.
- In your experience, how do these things play out in daily life?
- What about Christian memes?

### **Further Resources:**

- <http://crossencountersmin.com/featured-article/memes-dishonoring-god/>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/how-to-tame-the-digital-tongue>