

Evening Sermon, Sunday 9 June 2013, Craig Summers

Words that build up

Ephesians 4

- **We belong to each other** (v1-6)
- **Our words build the church** (7-16)
 - Words that give grace (v29)
 - Speaking the truth in love (v15)
- **Encouragement - maintenance for the worn-out Christian**
- **Exhortation - spurs for the lukewarm Christian**
- **Rebuke - wake-up call for the erring Christian**

Further reading:

- Instruments in the redeemer's hands (Paul David Tripp)
- Practising affirmation (Sam Crabtree)
- Love one another: becoming the church Jesus longs for (Gerald Sittser)
- The power of words and the Wonder of God (edited Piper) - available free online at http://cdn.desiringgod.org/pdf/books_bwr/BWRD.pdf
- The Peacemaker: a biblical guide to resolving conflict (Ken Sande)