

Series: James: Faith in Action
Sermon: Taming the Tongue
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Daily Readings

Monday: James 3:1-12
Tuesday: Matthew 12:33-37; Galatians 5:13-26
Wednesday: Proverbs 12
Thursday: Proverbs 18
Friday: Proverbs 21; Proverbs 29
Saturday: James 3:13-18

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about the tongues' power? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. The tongue is powerful. Therefore, how are you using yours? Who is empowering yours? What does it look like to continually speak words of life that are given by the Spirit?
4. Think about this phrase again from James 3:8: "*no human being can tame the tongue.*" Are you trying to tame your tongue by your own strength? Where does this lead to? How can you instead rely upon the Lord's strength to tame the tongue?
5. As you recall what Jesus said (i.e. "the mouth speaks what the heart is full of"), how can you lead your heart to consistently be full of the gospel? Is your heart full of lesser things? How does this impact the way we speak?
6. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Steps:

-Are there words that you have said that you need to repent of? Allow God to search your heart in this way.

-Is there anyone that you need to seek forgiveness from for the words that you have said? Is there anyone that you need to forgive for the words that they have directed toward you?

-Who is one person this week that you can speak life into?