

Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, November 15th Message

Faith Modeling Speech: James 3:1-12

Refine Your Faith

1. What does James mean when he writes that teachers are held to a stricter judgment?
2. How are teachers held to this stricter judgment?
3. Since Christians are able to both bless and curse, what does this say theologically about the issues of sin in a believer's life?

Read the following verses if needed:

Galatians 5:16-18

Romans 8:1-11

4. What ignites the tongue? Explain.
5. Why is it impossible to tame the tongue?
6. From James 3:8-12, list the different descriptions James uses to show the folly and sinfulness of the tongue.
7. Why do you think James is so specific in his detailed indictment against the sins of the tongue?
8. Here is a list of negative uses of speech that Pastor read through in his sermon. Pray as a group before reading these out loud and allow God to examine your heart if you are given to some of these sins of speech regularly:

lying, profanity, blasphemy, angry speech, slander, gossip/talebearing, speaking too much, boisterous speech, speaking rashly or without thinking, useless or idle words, complaining, murmuring, judging, boastful, bitter, foolish speech, cruel or harsh words, sexually suggestive speech, contentious speech, flattering speech, evil speech, false witnessing, insult and ridicule, vulgarity, cursing, perverse speech, failure to speak