



### **James 3:1–12 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup>We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. <sup>3</sup>When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup>Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup>Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup>The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. <sup>11</sup>Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup>My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

# Basic Training: How To's for Living for God in the Real World

## How to Tame the Tongue

James 3:1-12

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When the \_\_\_\_\_ comes on, what comes out of  
your mouth?

### The Big Idea

Though our tongue is \_\_\_\_\_, it causes big \_\_\_\_\_  
and takes Christ's BIG power to \_\_\_\_\_.

Only Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ Power Can Help Us Tame our Tiny  
Tongue Because...

- 1) We all have a big \_\_\_\_\_ with saying some-  
thing stupid or subduing our speech.
- 2) Our mouths have a big \_\_\_\_\_ to control or  
corrupt our complete lives.
- 3) Our words have a big \_\_\_\_\_ to help or  
hurt others.

### Applying It to My Life

- \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word of God
- \_\_\_\_\_ out the Word of God

# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of March 9 - 15

1. If you could instantly become an expert in any skill, what would it be?

## SERMON OVERVIEW

2. Reflect on the sermon. Was there an idea or expression that resonated with you, or was there anything said that challenged or confused you?

## DIGGING IN: Read James 3:1-12

3. Think of a time when someone's words deeply impacted you, positively or negatively. How did it shape your emotions or actions?
4. Why do you think our words hold so much power in our relationships?
5. James compares the tongue to a bit in a horse's mouth, a ship's rudder, and a small spark that starts a fire. How do these analogies help us understand the power of our words?
6. Share a time when a small comment or conversation had a significant impact.
7. James describes the tongue as a fire, a restless evil, and full of deadly poison. Why do you think he uses such strong language?
8. James 3:8 says, "No human being can tame the tongue." If we cannot tame our tongue, how can we seek God's help to control our speech?
9. Why do we sometimes struggle with speaking words of encouragement in one moment and words of negativity in another?

## FULL LIFE GROWTH PLAN

10. What progress have you made with your spiritual growth plan over the past week?

## APPLYING IT

11. What heart changes need to happen for our words to be more life-giving?
12. How can you intentionally use your words to build someone up this week?

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## LIFEHOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

**Marriage, Financial or Discipleship Mentoring Lunch:** March 16. 12:15 - 1:15pm in the Coffee House. Create a personalized plan with a mentor for either your marriage, finances or discipleship goals with an additional seven weeks of coaching sessions.

**Coffee Connect:** Sunday, March 23. 15 minute connect with a pastor after each service to meet, greet and enjoy a free tasty treat.

**Mexico Mission Trip:** March 23, 12:15-1:15 PM in the Coffee House. Learn how you can be part of a life-changing mission trip to Ensenada, Mexico, bringing hope to the unsheltered and elderly through service and fellowship.

**Community Easter Invite and Prayer Walk:** Sunday, April 6, 12:30-2pm. Join in a time of prayer for our community. Then we will walk the surrounding neighborhoods distributing door hangers inviting all to Easter services. Lunch is included.

**Kid's Ministry Sundays:** 9:30 and 10:45am, Kids nursery - 5th grade, kids join us in the Kid's Wing for a safe, age-appropriate fun, creative, engaging Bible Lesson.

**Middle School Sunday Service:** 9:30am in the Student Room. 6th through 8th graders; come and join the fun!

**Student Ministry Wednesday Gathering:** 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Student Room. 6th-8th and 9th-12th graders; come and join in the games, worship, and lessons.

**Young Adults:** Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30pm at the Vasquez home. For more information, contact [CJ@TheLifehouseChurch.com](mailto:CJ@TheLifehouseChurch.com).

**AA Recovery Group, "Grace Abounds"** on Thursday from 6:30pm - 7:30pm at Lifehouse.



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