

1. The tongue is powerful and problematic. Discuss how the tongue has power for good and for evil. Also, what is the connection between the heart and the tongue?

2. Read **James 3:1-12**.

**Verses 1-2** - James says that not many should become teachers. What does he mean? How is this a matter of the heart?

**Verses 3-5a** - How do our tongues have the power to direct our lives? Why is it important that God has control of our hearts?

**Verse 5b** - The tongue is like a small ember or spark that is able to destroy a whole forest. How can the tongue destroy marriages, relationships, churches and lives like a spark to a forest? How does the heart tie in here?

**Verses 6** - How is the tongue described? How does the tongue affect our entire lives?

**Verse 8a** - What if you put the emphasis on the words "human being", how does that affect your understanding of this verse? What could be the implication in connection with God's control of your heart?

**Verse 8b** - Read Proverbs 18:21 too. How do these verses go together? What are some ways our tongues can be a poison in the lives of others? How about fruit? How does the phrase "hurt people, hurt people" fit in here? Does it help to explain and / or excuse some people when they use hurtful words? Is that acceptable?

**Verses 9-12** - James points out a tension in our use of the tongue. The tongue does two things at once—blessing and cursing! What three examples does James use in verses 11 and 12 to show the absurdity and sinfulness of using the same tongue to bless God and curse people? What's the cure?



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TODAY'S MESSAGE:  
**AUTHENTIC**  
*Taming the Tongue - James 3:1-12*

NEXT SUNDAY:  
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*Get Godly Wisdom - James 3:13-18*

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<b>Real-Life Discipleship</b> Overflow Room   9:30am	<b>VARIOUS TIMES &amp; DAYS</b> <b>LIFE Groups</b> <b>Real-Life Discipleship</b> <b>Bible Studies</b>
<b>WEDNESDAYS   6:00PM</b> <b>KIDSTOWN &amp; REFUGE</b> <small>(NO Kidstown last Wednesday of the month)</small>	
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## **ITEMS NEEDED!**

Children's Ministries is in need of items for our treasure box. Think of the toy/game section of Target or Dollar tree and that would be perfect. Please see Kellie Sturm at the check in desk with any questions.

## **GIFT CARDS**

Children's Ministries is in need of \$5 gift cards for McDonald's and \$5 gift cards to Handels Ice Cream. If you are able to help out with providing some of these it would be greatly appreciated.

# MESSAGE NOTES

PASTOR JOE PRYOR

## **Taming the Tongue**

James 3:1-12

### **First things...**

The tongue is \_\_\_\_\_.

The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ in the tongue.

### **James' insight of the tongue:**

The tongue is \_\_\_\_\_ (v3-5a)

The tongue is \_\_\_\_\_ (v5b-12)

### **Taming the tongue:**

1 - Taming the tongue begins in a \_\_\_\_\_ with God

2 - Taming the tongue continues with \_\_\_\_\_ to God