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Series: James

Sermon Title: What You Must Know to Tame the Tongue Part 2

Main Scripture: James 3:1-12

OUTLINE

1. The tongue reveals the heart's contradiction (9-10).
2. A split tongue reveals a split heart (11-12).
3. Jesus spoke only truth and bore our curses.
4. Respond with a surrendered heart and allow Jesus to transform your words from the inside out.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Group Leader: See if your group has reviewed the latest newsletter and briefly skim together if needed. [NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE](#)

1. Read James 3:9–12. What contradictions does James expose about the way we use our tongues? Why does he say “these things ought not to be so”?
2. Look at Genesis 1:26–27. How does knowing people are made in God’s image change how we speak to (and about) them?
3. Think about the Camp Fire illustration. What’s a “spark” of careless words you’ve seen grow into a wildfire in real life?
4. Heart check: Where do you notice the biggest gap between your “Sunday words” and your “Monday words”?
5. Read Isaiah 53:7 and 1 Peter 2:22–23. What do these verses teach about how Jesus used His words (and when He chose not to)?

6. What would it look like for you to surrender your heart first—not just your speech—to Jesus? What might change about your tone, your reactions, or your conversations?
7. Who have you hurt with your words recently? What would it take to confess without excuses and seek their forgiveness?
8. James 3:11–12 compares the tongue to a spring and a tree. How do these images challenge us to bring consistency to our words?
9. Imagine your words tomorrow all coming from a “fresh spring.” What would that sound like at work, at home, online?
10. What’s one specific way your group can hold you accountable this week—not just for what you say, but for what’s stirring in your heart?

Pray