

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

FAITH THAT WORKS | TAMING THE TONGUE

MARCH 10/11 | JAMES 3

## FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. Do you have a story about saying something that you should not have said or not saying something that you should have said?

## DIGGING IN

1. Read James 3:1-2. What warning does James give about teaching? Who does it apply to? Do you think it still applies today?
2. Read James 3:3-7. In these verses, James uses several different examples that describe the tongue. What are they? Which one stood out to you the most and why?
3. Read James 3:8-12. According to James, poor speech is a contradiction for a Christian in their relationship with God and others. Why do you think that this is the case?
4. Read James 3:13-18. What are the two types of wisdom described in these verses and what characteristics do you find surprising? How is true wisdom displayed in a person's life?

## BRINGING IT HOME

1. James 3:8a says that, "no man can tame the tongue". If this is the case, why should we even try to watch/control what we say? Look at verses: Ephesians 4:29, 5:4 and Colossians 4:6.
2. Who is a person in your life that you have wounded with your words? What are you going to do to bring healing and life back into this relationship?
3. How can we as a group leverage our words to help each other grow in Christ and reach others for Him?

# MESSAGE NOTES

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Deanna Wheeler at [dwheeler@doorcreekchurch.org](mailto:dwheeler@doorcreekchurch.org)