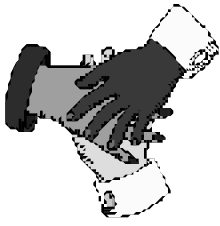


James: Life Out Loud

5 LESSON FIVE: TAMING THE TONGUE

James 3:1 - 12



WELCOME.....

What kinds of praises make you feel most appreciated?

OR

Can you think of a funny TV show you've seen in the last week in which the comedy relies on sarcasm and rudeness?



WORSHIP.....

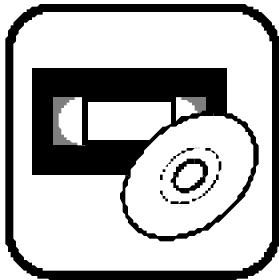
In Matthew 12:34, Jesus said, *“For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.”*

Consider this small prayer that can be remembered throughout the day...

“Lord Jesus, clean my heart that my words would reflect your love.”

Please take a few minutes and write down one thing you are going to consistently and intentionally pray about this week:

Prayer Focus:



Watch the VIDEO now. Follow along in your Study Guide, and take notes on the provided outlines.

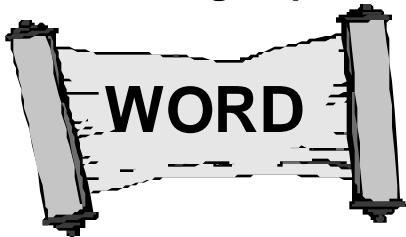
It is more about the condition of our _____ than our words.

Words are _____.

Choose to _____ God and other people with your words.

Notes:

Break into groups of 2 or 3.



Our tongues can have a very powerful effect on others. Dusty shared how our tongue can be used for positive as well as negative reinforcement. Let's see how James can help us tame our tongues.

Read James 3:3-12

1. James uses several visual images to describe the power our tongues have. How could your words be powerful enough to...

- Steer a friend into trouble as a bit steers a horse?
- Influence the direction of a conversation as a rudder guides a ship?
- Ruin a person's reputation as a fire does a forest?

My Part

What is (at least) one thing you can take away from this lesson and put into practice in your relationship with God? Please write it in the Action Steps below.

| Action Steps |
|--------------|
| _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |



WITNESS.....

Share any ideas or progress on the decision to do some kind of outreach event together. Consider Dodger Day (info on page 63). Pray about what your group is going to do. Discuss any details that need to be followed up on. Finish by having at least two people pray through the Blessing List.

