



James 3:1-12

True Faith Works on Taming Our Tongues

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Sermon Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. What cultural reasons may have encouraged early believers to seek positions of leadership and teaching? Why does James warn against this?
2. James warns that not many should become teachers. What do 1 Timothy 1:6-7 and 2 Timothy 4:3 reveal about some who want to be teachers?
3. When James refers to a perfect man in verse 2, what is he talking about?
4. "Either Jesus controls my tongue or my tongue will control me." What steps can we take to be more God-honoring in our speech?
5. What image does James use as a metaphor to explain the power of the tongue in verse 4? If you have ever seen this in real life, remember it and compare it to the danger of the tongue.
6. Have you caught yourself saying, "Oh, that's not really me. That's not my character!"? What was the context? What might this reveal about your heart (see Matthew 12:33-37)?
7. What does James 1:14 reveal about the cause of our impure speech?
8. Persecution or pressure from outside can shake up the contents of our hearts and cause them to spill over. Do you lash out at those around you when you are angry, stressed, hurt, or late? Close by reading Psalm 141:3.