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Taming the Tongue

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Text: James 3:1-12

What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?

In your own words - how would you summarize the theological message of today's text?

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Live For God. Love Each Other. Build God's Kingdom

Discussion Questions

1. What's unique about the role of those who teach? Why do you think James argues that teachers will be judged more strictly?
2. **Apply It!** Where or when do you find it most difficult to control your own tongue? Where do you find your words being *least* honoring to God and others?
3. Why is the tongue so powerful? Why do words carry such weight?
4. James says that, "...the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness," (v. 6). What does he mean?
5. **Apply It!** Do you find your own tongue to be "...a restless evil, full of deadly poison," (v. 8)? Why or why not?
6. What's going on in the heart when the tongue is used for both "blessing and cursing"? What's the solution when both salt water and fresh water are coming from the same spring (v. 11)?
7. **Apply It!** What will you do, based on this passage, to better pursue our mission - to Live for God, to Love Each Other, and to Build God's Kingdom?

PRAY TOGETHER!

Give praise to the Lord, who has given us his Holy Spirit that we might think, act, AND speak as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. Thank him for continually conforming us to the image of his Son, and pray that he would help us to conquer the restless evil of the tongue - that we might be a blessing to him and to others!