

# Small Group Discussion

Text: James 3: 1-18

- 1) List some assumptions from verse 2 and discuss how those assumptions should impact our view of ourselves and others.
- 2) Why do you think discipline of our tongue is the most difficult discipline to master?
- 3) How does James describe the tongue in vs 6?
  - a) Discuss the analogy of a fire.
  - b) What are some negative impacts from fire?  
Discuss how that parallels an uncontrolled tongue.
  - c) What are some positive impacts from fire?  
Discuss how that parallels a controlled tongue.
  - d) How does our tongue stain our whole body?
- 4) Review verse 8
  - a) Who is able to control their tongue?
    - i) According to this verse, do you have control over your tongue?
  - b) What is our tongue full of?
    - i) Discuss the parallels between a deadly poison and an uncontrolled tongue.
- 5) Verse 9 illustrates the duplicitous tongue.
  - a) What two things do we do with our tongue?
  - b) Verse 10 – What does James conclude?
- 6) Based on the illustrations in verses 11 & 12, can a person's mouth be used to curse God's creation and worship God?
- 7) As a group read verses 13-17 together.  
While it is easy to point at others, let's consider ourselves.
  - a) Is there someone in your life you would have a hard time speaking to?
    - i) Is that impulse from God (vs 15)?
- 8) Describe the heart of a follower of Christ and what it looks like to live out the wisdom that is from above.
  - a) List the characteristics of God's wisdom.
  - b) List behaviors that will be present in a person's life who is following God's wisdom.
  - c) List the behaviors in a person's life when they reject God's wisdom.
- 9) How are you a person who makes peace (vs 18)?