

James – Small Group Study Week 6

Verses for the week: James 3:5-12

5So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! **6**And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life,^a and set on fire by hell.^b **7**For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, **8**but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9**With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. **10**From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers,^c these things ought not to be so. **11**Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? **12**Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Questions:

1. Do you think the tongue is as bad as James describes? Have you experienced this in your life?
2. Verse 7 says that "no human being can tame the tongue." Does this mean there is no hope?

Quote of the week: Holiness has nothing to do with what we know, but it has everything to do with Who we know. AW Tozer

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