## **James: Taming The Wild**



3:1-12

- 1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
- 2. Read Proverbs 18:21. How have you seen this proverb proven true in your own life? How have words created worlds for you?
- 3. Read Proverbs 10:19 and Proverbs 17:28. How do they challenge you?
- 4. Read James 3:1-12. Do you think James is overstating the power of words? Why or why not? Do you think he is overstating the fact that our tongues are so evil?
- 5. How would you currently rate your tongue control? Why?
- 6. Are you someone who 'owns it'? When's the last time you owned up when you spoke wrongly? If it has been more than a week...do you need to own it more often? How can you be aware of that this week?
- 7. How do you think of someone whom you know who has spoken in a wrong way, but they won't own it (don't share specific stories, just how that makes you feel)? Why, then, do you think we so often struggle to own our own mess-ups in regard to the tongue?
- 8. How have you seen the humility of owning words spoken wrongly build relationships? How have you seen a denial to own words spoken wrongly kill relationships?
- 9. Pray together. Confess your speech, and ask God to help you control it.

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