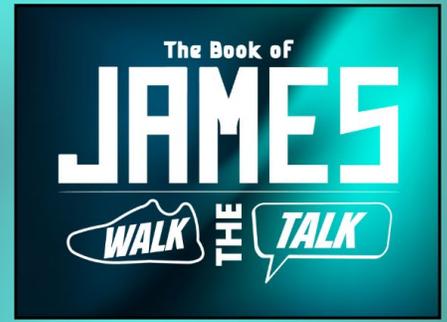


LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



11.6.24 & 11.13.24 **KEY TEXT: James 3:1-12** **“Managing Your Mouth”**

Lesson Summary:

The Book of James teaches us that Our Words Matter. Managing the words that come out of our mouths can be one of the hardest things to do, but we must learn to do this because our words have a lasting impact on those around us.

Depending on the words we use, we can build up a relationship or break it down. So, we have to be very careful of the direction our words will take us. Just like a single flame can ignite a forest on fire, our words can destroy a relationship we put a lot of investment in.

Not only can our words impact others, but they can also impact how we view ourselves. If we are believing lies or constantly comparing who we are to someone else, we are breaking ourselves down in the process. Our words ultimately show us in our hearts what we believe about our ourselves and God.

It is so hard to try to manage our mouths on our own strength. We must rely on God’s power in our lives. We have to ask Him to change our heart so that it will lead us in a new direction. If we consistently seek out God and trust Him to change our hearts, we can rest in the freedom the Jesus offers us.

Main Points:

Three Key Truths to Manage our Mouths

1. My Mouth Has the Power to DIRECT Me
2. My Mouth Has the Power to DESTROY Myself and Others
3. My Mouth SHOWS the TRUE Condition of My HEART

Three Steps for Managing our Mouths

1. Get a New HEART from God
2. Ask God for HELP Daily
3. THINK Before You Speak

Discussion Questions:

1. Did any of you, TONIGHT, FOR THE VERY 1ST TIME, asked Jesus to save you from your sins and lead your life?
2. Describe a time when your words or someone else's words had a strongly negative impact on your relationship with that person.
 - a. How did you handle that situation? If you could go back in time would you handle it differently?
3. What situations make it hardest for you to control your tongue?
 - a. How can you prepare to handle those situations differently in the future?
4. What do you think your words reveal about your heart?
5. What are areas in your life that you could start building people up with your words?
6. Which of the practical steps for managing your mouth—getting a new heart, asking for help, or thinking before you speak—do you need to focus on this week?
7. What is your 1 takeaway from tonight's lesson?
 - a. Was there anything confusing about tonight's lesson?

