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February 18, 2018 – James 3:1-12 – “Taming the Tongue”

QUESTIONS

(*potential* discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Proverbs 18:21: “Death and life are in the power of the tongue.” Ice Breaker: How have you seen this proverb displayed in real life?
2. Why do you think our tongues can be so destructive?
3. Tony reminded us that Jesus never sinned with his lips. And Hebrews 4:15 says “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet he did not sin.” Discuss the implications of these statements our own battles with our tongues.
4. Realizing that “we will give an account for every idle word that we utter”, How should this affect the way we use words? What about as it relates to the use social media?
5. James reminds us that our words reflect our relationship with God. What are some conclusions you might draw about your relationship with God based on your words?
6. Often we are not aware of how harmful or ungodly our own speech can be. How can we encourage others towards maturity with their speech? What ways of “helping” should we avoid?
7. Tony said regarding teaching: “It’s dangerous if your gifts surpass your maturity.” What does this statement mean? And why is this situation so dangerous?
8. James reminds us that “we must tend to our hearts to use our tongue wisely.” How do we tend our hearts so that our tongue is tamed? What change needs to happen in our hearts in order for our tongues to be Christ-like?

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