

## Life Group Discussion Guide - June 9th 2019

### The Power Of Words

This weeks discussion guide will be a little different. We will be going through some passages and then pausing after each one to share our observations. The goal being that the Holy Spirit would speak through his word to us and through us to the rest of the group.

**James 3:1-2** *Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. 2We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to control his whole body.*

**Q?** What observations do you make from this passage? **Discuss...**

**James 3:3-6** *When we put bits into the mouths of the horses to make them obey us, we can guide the whole animal. 4Consider ships as well. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot is inclined.*

*5In the same way, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it boasts of great things. Consider how small a spark sets a great forest ablaze. 6The tongue also is a fire, a world of wickedness among the parts of the body. It pollutes the whole person, sets the course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.*

**Q?** What observations do you make from this passage? **Discuss....**

**James 3:7-8** *All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, 8but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.*

**Q?** If no man can tame the tongue, what is our hope then of guarding our mouth and overcoming the sinful power of the tongue? **Discuss....**

**James 3:9-12** *With the tongue we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. 10Out of the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, this should not be! 11Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12My brothers, can a fig tree grow olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.*

**Q?** What observations do you make from this passage

**Q?** Can we agree we have all sinned with our mouth? Why is the mouth such an easy place to sin? **Discuss....**

**Proverbs 17:9** *Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.*

**Q?** What observations do you make from this passage? **Discuss....**

**Psalm 141:2-4** *2May my prayer be set before You like incense, my uplifted hands like the evening offering. 3Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch at the door of my lips. 4Do not let my heart be drawn to any evil thing or take part in works of wickedness with men who do iniquity; let me not feast on their delicacies.*

**Q?** What observations do you make from this passage? Do you see a connection between the mouth and heart? **Discuss....**

**Q?** Any final thoughts on the subject?

Close your time by praying over this subject & as the Holy Spirit leads you