

	James 3:1-12
	Words
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Discussion Questions

- Words can bless and words can curse.
- Words have the power of life and death. [**Proverbs 18:21**]
- Words can pierce like swords or bring healing [**Proverbs 12:18**]
- What 3 examples does James use when he talks about the power of the tongue?
- What is the significance of each one?
- Which one do you see as applying to you the most?
- Our world is driven by or controlled by rhetoric, but Paul reminds us that God’s way and God’s power works in a different way [**1 Corinthians 2:1-5**]. God’s power is that of washing feet and the cross.
 - What does this look like today, in your life?
- Eugene Peterson in “Christ Plays in 10,000 Places” says
“The community of Jesus betrays its Master more often and damagingly by the way it speaks and acts than by anything it ever says or does. Anger and arrogance, violence and manipulation are ranked far higher than theological error or moral lapses in desecrating the holy, resurrection community.”
 - What do you think of Peterson’s statement?
- Pastor Mike ended the message by reminding us of identity – of who we are.
 - Why is this so vital?
 - How do you remind yourself that
you are his
you are accepted
you are loved
that he is for you not against you?
- Have you been set free to rejoice in others?
Why is this a mark of maturity?