Taming the Tongue | James 3:1-12 Study Questions

| Before answering these questions, | take some time to read | the passage from the | ne sermon together or on |
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| your own. | | | |

What did this sermon tell us about God?

What did this sermon tell us about us as people?

What did you hear in this sermon that applied the most to your own life?

Do you agree with how seriously James takes the power and need for control of our tongues? Why or why not? How have you seen the power of the things we say at work in your own life?

Do you see the way you speak to others in your life bring about good or bad? Why? What is one example from your life recently where your speech brought about something good and one example that brought about bad?

We talked about three principles that can bring about good from speech:

Speak in a way that builds up rather than tears down (Ephesians 4:29)

Speak in a way that brings peace, not chaos (Proverbs 15:1)

Just don't speak at all. (Proverbs 17:28)

Which of these do you find most natural for you? Which is most difficult? How can you grow in the one you struggle with the most and strengthen the one you are best at?