

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What words of encouragement have you spoken, lately?

2. Who comes to your mind that could use kind words from you?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

Read James 3:1-12

3. What's the worst thing you have ever said to anyone? Okay...Just wanted to get your attention.

4. What are some common phrases you have heard about "watching your mouth?"

5. What does James 3:1-2 mean to you?

6. What is the warning?

7. What does the word, "strictly" mean? What does the word, "perfect" mean?

8. Do you think it's possible to control your tongue every day? Why or why not?

9. Would God ask us to do something that is impossible?

10. How is the relationship between anger and words? Compare James 1:19 with Proverbs 15:1.

11. According to Matthew 12:34-37, what determines your words? What's the real question you should be asking yourself?

12. If someone looked at your words on social media, what would think about you? What conclusions would they have about your spiritual life? What would they think about your God?

Read Proverbs 16:24; Proverbs 18:4; Ephesians 4:29; and Colossians 4:6

13. According to these passages, what type of words should come out of our mouth?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.

Discuss how they apply to your life.

- The tongue is the last thing that will be controlled in a believer's life.

- "Sometimes it's the words we choose not to say that speak most loudly about our character." -Lysa TerKeurst

There are three (3) types of people in this world:

- People who think before they talk.
- People who think after they talk.
- People who think while they talk.

- "We are masters of the unsaid words, but slaves of those we let slip out."
- Winston Churchill