



TAMING THE TOUNGE

JAMES 3:1-12

SCRIPTURE STUDY

- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Talk about a time when you used your speech for good and bad.
- How come teaching is held in the highest place of judgment among believers? Why start the discourse this way?
- Explain James's pictures of bits in the mouths of horses and ships alongside their rudders; how does James compare this to the tongue?
- What is James trying to communicate about our tongue's destructive tendencies?
- The tongue is untameable. However, the source of our destruction is tameable. How does James use the language of creation to explain this in verses 11-12?
- How might this passage change your approach to speech this week?