



**Life Group Discussion Guide  
Faith in Practice**

**How does faith work when you open your mouth? - James 3:1-12**

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Main thought:

A maturing faith is revealed by the management of our words.

Notes

**Speech Lessons**

1. Never overlook the power of the tongue to bring **control**.
2. Never underestimate the tongue's power to **corrupt**.
3. Never ignore what is **coming** out of your mouth.

**Speech Warnings**

1. Don't overlook your words because they're **little**.
2. Don't excuse your words because of your **intent**.
3. Don't ignore your words because of your **confidence**.

**12 Healing Words**

I was wrong.

I am sorry.

Please forgive me.

I love you.

Ice-Breaker

- Who is someone you admire because of the way they handle their tongue?

Verse of the week

- What is a verse or truth from God's Word that has stood out to you this week from your personal Bible reading?

Digging In

Read James 3:1-12, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- How have both negative and positive words shaped your life?
- Read James 3:2-6. Why is it important we watch what we say?
- What do our words say about us?
- Read James 3:7-12. Why is it so difficult to control our words?
- How can you begin to take responsibility for the words you use?
- What should you do once you find yourself using words that have hurt someone?



- This week, how can you surrender your mouth every day to your Heavenly Father?
- How can you ask him to help you use this incredible tool--your mouth--to encourage rather than scorch?

#### Application

- What key take-away will you apply from the passage this week?

#### Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week?