

A Study Guide to James 3:1-12 (Session 6)

First Baptist Peddie Church

1. Pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit for understanding God's Word.

2. Read James 3:1-12 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. List the analogies describing the tongue in this passage. What do you observe from these analogies?
4. Go back and read what was already said about the Word of God and our speech (1:18, 1:19, 1:21, 1:22, 2:12).

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube

5. Interpret / Live out the Word

1. Have you ever noticed contradictory and destructive patterns in your speech (3:9-10)? What effects does your speech have on others?
2. In what ways do you try to justify or make excuses for the life-negating patterns of your tongue?
3. Why is it important to take care of what is in your heart first in order to tame your tongue?
4. How does our constant engagement with the social media and the internet affect our speech?
5. Share an example of life-giving words you heard from another person? Why was it life giving?
6. What spiritual exercises would you engage in regularly so that your speech would become more life-giving?
7. How would you pray to tame your tongue? Write down your prayer.

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)

(James 3:9 NIV)

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.