

Community Group Questions - James 3:1-2

1. Read James 3:1-12. Think through the memories of our life regarding words spoken to you. What words spoken to you in the last 2 years do you remember? How does this speak to the importance of consistently and continually bridling our tongue in the words we speak to others?
2. How are our words a reflection of our spiritual maturity?
3. Compare Matthew 16:13-23. How does the heavenly and devilish confessions of Peter demonstrate how we still struggle with our speech even though Christian? What does this say about the importance of growing in holiness and moving away from double-mindedness (James 3:11-12)?
4. How can your words reveal hypocrisy in you? What should you do if you realize that your words are a problem? How can words also reveal that the Spirit is at work in you?

A Song to Sing Together

VERSE 1

There's nothing that my hands can do
To save my guilty soul
I cannot cleanse my filthy stains
Or make my spirit whole
For nothing but the blood of Christ
Can all my sins erase
I dare not claim my righteousness
But hide within His grace
'Tis Christ who saved me from the depths
God's pardon I've received
I'm washed within His precious blood
My heart is sprinkled clean

VERSE 2

I'll praise the God of holiness
Of justice, truth, and might
Who guides me by His mighty hand
To walk within His light
While Satan weaves his shallow lies
God speaks to me in love
Reminding me His only Son
Has bought me with His blood
And Christ dispels my every doubt
Through Him I am redeemed
I love because He loved me first
I live because He lives

VERSE 3

My life is but a fleeting sigh
A tear within the sea
But You are everlasting, Lord
And You've predestined me
To leave this fading world behind
Not fearing death will come

For then I'll look on Jesus Christ
And to His arms I'll run
And when I see Him face to face
What glory that will be
To look upon my Savior's scars
And know they were for me

<https://sovereigngracemusic.bandcamp.com/track/not-hing-that-my-hands-can-do>

Pray that our words bring the power of the gospel to others and not the kind of damage that the world uses its words for.