

Sermon Discussion Questions
James: Live It Out
Words Matter
James 1:19-21; 3:2-12
July 8, 2018

1. What is something an influential person in your life told you as a child?
 - a. Why do you remember that comment?
 - b. Have you ever said something you wish you could have taken back?
 - c. What strategies can we use to guard against saying things we regret?

2. Read Mark 7:14-23.
 - a. How does this section compare to James' thoughts on speech?
 - b. How do we guard against what comes out of our mouths?

3. A lot of topics can be divisive. How do you handle divisive topics when talking with others?
 - a. How would James instruct us to handle these situations?
 - b. How do you constitute a "win" when debating with someone who has a different belief than you do?

4. Read Mark 11:27-12:17.
 - a. The religious leaders tried to debate Jesus and get him in trouble with his words. How did Jesus handle this situation?
 - b. What can we learn from how Jesus handled divisive topics?

5. At the end of the message, Brian asked us to pick someone to intentionally build up with our words. Have you tried this? If so, how did it go?