

LIFE GROUP 4

Mission: To foster Christ-centered engagement in the life of our congregation.

Scripture: James 3:5-10

Open It

Build Community 1	Tell us about your family. Are you from a large or small family? In the north, they call carbonated beverages, “soda,” or “soda pop.” In the south they call them “cokes.” Give an example of an unusual saying from your hometown.	5-10 Min.
Build Community 2	What is a good show you are currently watching? or what book can you recommend? What is your favorite Bible character and why?	5-10 Min
Adoration	Read Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits. “Speaking life” into the lives of others is one of the greatest blessings we can offer someone. Take a moment and complement someone in the group.	5 Min
Nurture 1	Read James 3:5-10 “So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.”	10-15 Min.

1. How does James describe the dangers of the tongue?
2. How can we control our tongue? Can you give an example of a time when your tongue got you in trouble.
3. What advice would you give someone struggling with anger and/or controlling their tongue?
4. Read Ephesians 4:29 “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”
5. Why do we struggle with this passage so much?
6. What does “but only such as is good” mean?
7. If it doesn’t bless someone, then do not say it. What would our relationships look like if we only spoke blessing into the lives of our friends and family?

Nurture 2

What can we pray for in your life?

5-10 Min

Additional information

Schedule a time and place to meet again.