

6: James

Accompanies the 5/16/21 Sermon

GETTING STARTED

Use the following questions to break the ice and begin your group discussion together:

- What was your favorite summer vacation?

PREPARE YOUR HEART AND MIND

Open in prayer: Pray that as you reflect on today's scripture that God prepares your heart and mind. Pray for the ability to understand and apply its truths to your life.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.



Have someone in your group read **James 3:1-12**



The CONTEXT of James

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic. Bring attention to what events are surrounding the text. In this text James is writing to the persecuted church.

Central Theme: If you were to write a book or podcast title based on this passage, what would you call it?

- In v3-6 James gives three illustrations concerning the tongue. How is the tongue like a:
 - Bit in a horse's mouth?
 - How is it like the rudder of a ship?
 - How is it like a fire?
- James gives an illustration of a spring of water. What point is he making with this illustration?

GETTING PRACTICAL

Discuss the following questions together as a group; be willing to share how challenges and trials have affected your life.

Words are a powerful force and have a tremendous effect on others. They can either influence other's lives positively or negatively.

1. What impact have people's words had on your life?
2. How could your words harm someone in your life this week?
3. How could your words build someone up this week?

Read: Luke 6:44 - 45 Psalms 19:14 and Proverbs 10:31-33

1. Based on the scripture reading how can we change the words we use?
2. Is there anything concerning your tongue that you need to repent of?
3. How are you going to use your words differently this week?