

## Life Group Questions

For week of November 1, 2015

### Series: Core Faith

### Message: Power Faith & Powerful Tools November 1, 2015

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#### Powerful Faith: James 2:14-26

- What is Faith?
- It is not “either/or” but “yes and”
- Living faith is relational, life changing, and empowering.

#### A Powerful Tool: James 3 1-12

##### Warnings:

James 3:1-12; Matthew 12:33-37; Ephesians 4:29-32

- The tongue is powerful, unruly, destructive.
- Our character is measured by our words.
- Words hold both death and life.

Q: What has done the most harm, my evil words spoken or my hope-filled words left unsaid.

#### Advice for Taming the Tongue.

James 1:6, 3:1-12; Psalm 141:3-4; Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 2:13; Romans 8:5-17

- Don't excuse it.
- Confess and move forward.
- Pray daily.
- Open yourself to the Holy Spirit.

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect, encourage one another to grow and to see God change your life from the inside out!

#### Quick review

Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

#### Going Deeper

What do the following verses teach us about the difference between knowledge and obedience according to God?

Luke 6:46-49

1 John 2:3-5

James 2:14-26

God has given us countless references throughout the Bible to help us understand how to use our words to be productive instead of destructive. Read each of the following references in Proverbs and jot down what each one says about the power of our words.

Proverbs 10:19

Proverbs 12:6

Proverbs 12:18

Proverbs 12:19

Proverbs 12:25

Proverbs 15:2

Proverbs 15:23

Proverbs 16:24

Proverbs 18:21

Proverbs 23:9

Proverbs 26:20

Proverbs 26:28

Looking back at what you wrote above, pick out five verses that are important for you to remember. Take a moment and pray through each verse asking God to help you put it into practice.

**Take it home:**

**Tips for smart social media & texting:**

- Think before you respond.
- If you can't say it in front of your spouse, don't text it.
- If you can't read it out loud in church, don't text it.
- If it would make your mom cry, don't text it.
- Don't say through media what you wouldn't say in person.
- Words have both "a when" and "a where".
- Don't text angry.

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