

*Small Group Discussion*

*Sunday, November 8, 2009*

*James 3:1-12*

Pastor Jonathan Speaking

Opener Question:

How have you struggled with words from the past that still effect you today? Are there positive words that still inspire you?

1. Why does James caution aspiring teachers (James 3:1-2)? What would you say to a potential teacher in light of James' counsel?
2. James uses 6 word pictures to capture the importance of the tongue. Which ones are particularly significant to you?
3. What do you learn about someone by listening to the way he or she speaks. What does this say about their heart?
4. Why is it important in scripture that a tongue be bridled? Why is this impossible in the flesh?
5. What are some practical application steps we can make to be "doers" and not just hearer in regards to taming the tongue?