



JAMES

THE GOSPEL AT WORK

Questions for Application for the Week of February 8, 2015

James: The Gospel at Work

Part 5 - The Truth About Your Words

James 3:1-12

Icebreaker: Share a story of how someone in your life group said a word that was “needful for the moment” and brought much encouragement to you.

1. God has expectations for His children. What are some biblical examples of people who who evidenced their faith through a work or word? (Joseph, Daniel, Stephen, etc.)

2. According to the passage we studied, why are words important?

3. Matt shared some examples of how his speech inflicted harm upon others. What are some ways your speech has harmed others? What was the heart motivation behind your words when this happened? What does James 3:1-12 teach about the impact of your words? What did you do or are presently doing in order to grow in this area?

4. What are some practical ways that we can edify each other by way of words? Take the time to encourage each person in the group by going around the room and identifying evidences of grace in their life (how you see God@work).

5. Brainstorm some ways your Life Group can be an encouragement to the Pastors/Elders and develop a gameplan to make it happen.

Possible Question for Breakout:

- We are over halfway through the book of James. How has God been using the instruction in this letter to grow you?

Spend time praying for your leaders in the following ways:

- They will continue to grow in their theology and understanding of Scripture.
- They will avoid using their position to promote their opinion or position.
- They will pursue to humbly shepherd God’s church.