

## **WATCH YOUR MOUTH**

As preached on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** James 3:1-12

1. “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” True or False? Why?
2. In vv.1-2 James offers a warning to teachers. What is the warning and why does he offer it?
3. What are the images James uses in vv.3-6 to represent the power of words? Which of them is the most vivid to you? Why?
4. In what way is the tongue “a restless evil, full of deadly poison” (v.8) ?
5. In v.10 James says - “My brothers and sisters, this should not be.” What is he talking about? Why is it so important?
6. How does all of this “tongue-talk” in James 3 relate to our use of social media and technology? How can we guard ourselves against the hurtful use of these technologies?
7. If no one can tame the tongue, what’s the point of it all?
8. In what ways can you improve in your use of words? How can you better encourage others with your words? How can you avoid hurting others with your words?