

Series: FaithWorks
Sermon: Blessings and Curses
July 3, 2016

1. Can you do this with your tongue?

- A. Roll your tongue?
- B. Turn your tongue over?
- C. Touch your nose with your tongue?

2. Share a time when someone's words... (Share the context, not the person's name)

- A. Comforted you.
- B. Hurt you.

3. Read Matthew 15:1–20.

- A. What is upsetting the Pharisees?
- B. What does Jesus say we should be concerned with?

4. James 3:1 says, "...we who teach will be judged more strictly."

- A. Who should be doing the judging according to James?
- B. Do you ever "judge" someone who teaches? Is that your job?
- C. The sermon stated that if we have something to say about the teaching we can do it as a coach or a critic. What is the difference? Which one do you tend to do more of?

5. "We all make many mistakes..." Why do you think James includes the statement in verse 2?

6. "We, not only will be judged by how we teach, but how we listen to our teachers." What should be our approach to listening that honors God? What approach would not honor God?

7. Read James 3:2b-12. What is James trying to impart to other believers about the tongue?

8. The sermon listed sins of the tongue. Share with the group which one of the following you struggle with most?

- A. Lying
- B. Slander (lying to protect self and hurt others)
- C. Breaking confidence
- D. Gossip
- E. Being divisive
- F. Nagging
- G. Argumentative
- H. Flattery
- I. Speak too quickly
- F. Sharp tongue
- G. Cussing
- H. Using God's name without reverence