

# Small Group Homework

## LEADERS GUIDE

For the Week of March 29, 2015  
(Questions and Scriptures for Small Group Time)

**MAIN IDEA: We are continuing our discussion from last week about the power of our tongue. This week, the focus is more on gossip, slander, and how we talk about one another. James 3:9 in short says, "We praise God with our tongue and then we curse humans who are made in His likeness." Doesn't make a whole lot a sense.**

### GETTING STARTED

1. Take a moment and look back over the principles from this week's sermon. Did any of these principles surprise, excite, depress, or amaze you? Explain.

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

2. Over the last few weeks we've been talking about the power of our words. What are a few labels that have been placed on you that has been difficult to shake?

Why do words stay with us so long?

### DIGGING INTO THE WORD

3. Check out what the Bible says about how to speak righteously:

Proverbs 18:1-24

James 1:19-27

James 3:1-12

If you were talking to someone who had never read the Bible, what would you tell them it says about how to speak well?

### DIGGING DEEPER

4. Is it ok to talk about someone when they aren't there?

What are healthy boundaries if you are talking about another person when they aren't present? **\*There may be rules we should live by when talking about others. 1) If I have a conflict with the person, I should talk to them about it. 2) If what I am saying is not uplifting to the person I'm talking to, I shouldn't say anything at all. This should cause some differing views, and great discussion.**

5. What does the way we talk about people reveal about the way we love God? Why are they related? Explain. **\*This question is based on James 3:9.**

6. *If I could change one thing about the way I normally speak, it would be....*

### **TAKING IT HOME**

7. James says to keep a tight reign on your tongue. When it comes to your speech, what are you not keeping a tight reign on?

How could those in your group help you in this area?

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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