

# The Power of the Tongue

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Small Group Homework

Proverbs 11:1, Proverbs 11:9-13, James 1:26

Week of March 29, 2015

## Tongue of the Godless

Lies

Colossians 3:9-10, Ephesians 4:14-15,  
John 8:43-45

## Tongue of the Righteous

Speaks Truth

Destroys/Slanders

Ephesians 4:29

Encourages/Blesses

Gossips

Proverbs 16:28, Proverbs 11:22

Uses Discretion

## Now What?

Be Careful What Goes In

Guard What Comes Out

James 1:19-20

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(Questions and Scriptures for Small Group Time)

### 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?

5. What does the way we talk about people reveal about the way we love God? Why are they related? Explain.

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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