

Bible Summary

James 3:1-12

Heart Trouble

Modern technology allows us to measure many different aspects of the physical health of the human body. However, even with the best technology we still can't measure the motives of the heart. James diagnosis the heart and we learn that the best way to know your heart is to listen to your tongue. It is the six ounce auditor of the human heart.

Scriptures— James 3:1-12; Romans 10:9; Matthew 12:36-37, 18:15-20; Proverbs 18:21; Jeremiah 9:23-24; 15:19;

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. Why does James compare the tongue to a bit in a horse's mouth and the rudder of a ship? (verses 3 and 4)
2. What do words have in common with fire? (verse 5)
3. How would valuing someone as an image bearer of God help you use your tongue wisely as you interact with them?
4. No man can tame the tongue. Untamed tongues reflect untamed hearts. How do you let God alter your heart? How does repentance change your heart?
5. When Jesus met the woman at the well (John 4:16-18), He extracted the precious from the vile. (Jer. 15:19) How can we grow in that same ability?
6. Share about a time you were encouraged by someone's affirming and life-giving words. What kind of difference did it make in your life?
7. What are the challenges of speaking affirming words to someone?

Just a reminder - Matt challenged each of us to share an affirming word with someone every day. How are you doing with that?

"Getting to know you" Questions

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you're particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. Have you seen any victories?
3. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
4. What is one thing you are looking forward to?