



Guide

9/20 - James 3:1-12

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week? Any new life updates? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Practically, is there any individual or family that needs encouragement from us as a group?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
2. Let's read our primary text. In these opening verses of chapter 3, James warns that "not many of you should become teachers." Why do you think James includes this in this context?
3. What do the bit and the rudder illustrations have in common, and what point do they make about the tongue? What other illustrations like this come to mind?
4. What is the point of James contrasting wild animals with the "untamability" of the tongue?
5. Why does James bring up the likeness of God in verse 9? Why is this important?
6. How do James' closing illustrations cement his points for his audience?
7. Where this week have you observed "blessing and cursing" coming from the same mouth?
8. In your own estimation, do you think you speak more life or death over people (or even your family) with your tongue? What are some initial steps to getting this under control?
9. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- *Internal*: Did you make time to disciple your family this week? Pray with them?
- *External*: Is your life marked by joy/contentment? Are you prepared to share the gospel if the Holy Spirit prompted? Is the name of Jesus on your lips in your day-to-day activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group, generally? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.