



## *James: Embracing Ordinary WORDS*

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### **WARM UP**

1. What is the most positive or encouraging thing someone's ever said to you?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

### **DIG IN**

3. Read James 3 before today's discussion. List or discuss each of the metaphors used to illustrate the power of the tongue. What's the overall point?
4. Why are we the greatest victims or beneficiaries of our own words (James 3:6)? How do our own words—even as internal thoughts—impact or direct our lives?
5. What do our words reveal about our hearts? What hope do we have of producing better words if “no human can tame the tongue” (James 3:8)?

### **DIGGING DEEPER (EXTRA CREDIT!)**

6. Read Matthew 7:18-20. Is Jesus saying that we are either good or bad trees no matter what, or is alluding to a process by which our hearts can become good trees that bear good fruit? If so, what's the process?
7. How would your loved ones describe the words you speak? How would they be impacted if you were to more actively seek God's healing power?
8. How will you ensure that God continually heals and renews your heart? Who will you invite to speak God's love and truth into your life?



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Sticks & stones...

What are the words like in your home?

James 3:1-15

Not many of you should become \_\_\_\_\_...

Those who represent God...

Metaphors to illustrate the power of the tongue:

1-

2-

3-

My words will hugely impact...

What comes \_\_\_\_\_ of you reveals what’s \_\_\_\_\_ of you.

James 3:8

It’s not about...

It’s about...

Matthew 7:18-20

Good & bad trees

God invites you to be...