



A STUDY OF JAMES

## HOW FAITH WORKS IN COMMUNICATION

### How Faith Works-Part 6: *How Faith Works in Communication*

James 3:1-12

Tips for using this discussion guide.

#### Purpose

The primary purpose of this discussion guide is to reinforce and deepen the lessons of a Grace Church sermon series.

#### Tips

- ▶ **Set the Tone:** Help create a relaxed, welcoming, expectant environment for God by greeting and learning about each other.
- ▶ **Pray:** Pray at the beginning of each meeting as well as between meetings.
- ▶ **Balance the Communication Flow:** As a group leader or a member, give opportunities for each person to engage in the discussion, instead of dominating the conversation.
- ▶ **Select the Questions:** It is not necessary to discuss all the questions or to discuss them in order. You may begin with the question that you believe will generate the most meaningful discussion for your group.
- ▶ **Say, “I Don’t Know”:** The group leader does not need to have all the answers. Saying “I don’t know” is an acceptable answer in small group meetings.

## Discussion Questions

1. Read James 3:1, Luke 12:47-48, and 1Corinthians 4:2-5. Consider the heavy responsibility of those whom God has placed in leadership positions. In what ways can your communication with or about leaders become a help or hindrance?
2. Read James 3:2-4, Proverbs 13:3, Matthew 12:37, and 1Peter 3:10. What is the importance of keeping your mouth under control?
3. Read James 3:5-8. If it is beyond your power to tame your tongue, what can you do?
4. Read James 3:9-12 and Luke 6:43-45. Compare these two passages. Rather than attempting to control your tongue by will power, what should you consider?