

SVQ Guide Week 4
James 3:1-12

Scripture, Video, Questions (SVQ)

Session 1 SVQ

- Read James 3:1
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
 - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and
 - **How much power do you think the tongue holds? What image would you use to describe the power of your tongue?**
 - **In what ways does the tongue direct?**
 - **Read James 3:1. Why do those who teach have greater accountability?**

Session 2 SVQ

- Read James 3:1-6
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
 - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
 - **How would you feel if your conversations this week were recorded and broadcast for everyone to hear? What would you want to erase? Why? What would you be proud of?**
 - **Read James 3:2-4, How does being able to control the tongue mean we are able to control the whole body? What does one have to do with the other?**
 - **What do both Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1 reveal to us about the power of God's words? You are created in God's image. What does that imply about the power of your words?**
 - **Read James 3:3-6, Compare the analogies of the horse's bit, the ship's rudder, and the spark of fire. (The bit and the rudder are very small things that a rider and a captain can use to direct and control tremendous power. A spark can start a raging fire that, once released, cannot be controlled or undone. You can't stop careless words once they've left your mouth and you have no idea how they may impact others.)**
 - **Both the horse and the ship needed someone to direct them. Do you feel you need someone to direct you? Why or why not? Why do we fight God being in control of our lives?**

Session 3 SVQ

- Read James 3:7-12
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
 - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
 - **What recent conversations did these verses make you think about?**
 - **If all your conversations this week were recorded and broadcast for everyone to hear, what would you want to erase and what would you want to save?**
 - **Read Ephesians 4:29, Your words can tear down or bless yourself, your family, your business, etc. So.....What are you saying to yourself about yourself?** (God spoke the universe into existence. Satan used the power of words to convince a third of the angels to leave heaven. We all remember things said to us years ago that stabbed like a knife or greatly encouraged us. Never underestimate the power of words and the lies you may be listening to.)
 - **Just because something is true doesn't mean it needs to be said. Based on Ephesians 4:29, what questions should you ask yourself before you say something?** (Is what I'm about to say just from an overflow of emotion? Is it corrupting? Is it constructive or destructive? Is it the appropriate time and place to say it? Is it full of grace?)
 - **Take turns speaking encouragement and blessing over one of your group members right now. How can you speak blessing over your life, family, business and community?**