

# Life Group Discussion Guide

*FEEL THE BURN*

James 3:1-12

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# JIM CLASS



## INTRODUCTION

The “Out of the same mouth comes praise and cursing.” (James 3:10 NIV) We all know it’s true. Our words can change from good to bad, encouraging to hurtful in the blink of an eye. And it’s not just the words we say. Texts, tweets and all kinds of social media posts put our words in front of more people than ever.

Controlling our words is difficult. It takes time, training and the kind of instruction you can get in Jim Class.

## DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Tell the group about a funny, awkward or embarrassing slip of the tongue you’ve said. How much would you pay to be able to retract your words?
2. Winston Churchill said, “By swallowing evil words unsaid, no one has ever harmed his stomach.” Tell the group about some words that came out instead of being swallowed.

## EVALUATE IT

1. Read James 2:1-13. Why is the “tongue” so difficult to control?
2. Our tongues are merely a muscle, so when we say, “I cannot control my tongue,” what are we really saying? In reality, we can control this muscle, so what is it we really lose control of?
3. How do our tongues compare to a bit in a horse’s mouth, the rudder of a ship and fire?
4. Read Proverbs 15:1-4. Stuart said, “Our words have the power to build.” How so? How can we move our tongue from destructive to constructive? What does that look like?

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. In what area of your life do you need God’s help to tame your tongue?
2. Stuart asked, “What if we prayerfully chose our words before spoke them? What if we prayerfully chose our words before we hit send? Before we responded to that comment on facebook? Before we joined the stream of consciousness with our tweet?” What would that look like in your world?



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