

Zip the Lip

PECULIAR | Week 2



HOMEWORK (DONE BEFORE GROUP) _____

Read **James 3**



GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER _____

- 1) Are you a talker or are you more quiet? Why do you think that is?
- 2) Share a story of a time when you put your foot in your mouth and your words got you into trouble.



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

- 1) What was something in this Sunday's message that stood out to you, inspired you, or challenged you?
- 2) What is a specific way that you "put off your old self" when you became a follower of Jesus Christ?
- 3) Do you believe your friends and coworkers would notice you are different by the words that come out of your mouth?
- 4) What were some of the most life-giving words ever spoken to you? Describe a time someone really *built you up* with their words?
- 5) Do you struggle with *tearing others down* with your words? Why do you think that is?
- 6) Where do you personally need to grow to be more like Christ in the area of words and language?



GOING DEEPER _____

READ - **James 3:1-12** together

- 1) What jumps out to you in this passage? What is interesting, challenging, or something you've never noticed before?
- 2) Why is it important to remember what James says in verse 2: *We all stumble in many ways*?
- 3) Does James use the truth in verse 2 to excuse himself or his readers from pursuing a life of holiness? What does this mean?
- 4) How does the tongue steer a life the way a rudder steers a ship?
- 5) Do you agree with James that the tongue is a *restless evil*? Why or why not?
- 6) Is cursing really a big deal? Why or why not?
- 7) Based on verses 11 and 12, is it really the tongue that's the problem or is the tongue a symptom?
- 8) If the tongue is like a wild horse that needs caught, tamed, broke, and bridled... how can we become masters of our tongue?

READ - **Exodus 20:7** together

- 9) What does this passage mean? Why is it important?



LIVING IT OUT _____

- 1) On a scale of 1-10, how are you doing on "putting on the new self" in regards to your words and your language?
- 2) What change do you need to make with the Lord's help that this group can hold you accountable to?