

James 3:1-18

Series – James: Faith That Works

Message – A Peacemaking Presence

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Words Create Worlds

- Words have incredible power.
- Not many of you should become teachers....
- Matthew 12:36-37
- God takes _____ very seriously, and we should too.
- Genesis 1:1-3
- Words are the _____ of creation.
- One of the ways we bear God's image is in our ability to _____.
- The misuse of words is spiritual _____.
- "The tongue has the power of life and death..." (Proverbs 18:21).

Words Reveal Hearts

- James 3:9-12
- Isaiah 6:5

- Matthew 12:33-35
- Colossians 3:3
- 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Words Require Wisdom

- James 3:13
- A gentle and wise use of words is _____ of extraordinary spiritual maturity.

Reflection Questions

1. How have you experienced the power of words in your own life? If you're willing, share some examples of words you have received that have been life-giving and share some that have been hurtful and life-taking.
2. Share a "hit" and a "miss" with your own use of words. When did you say something that gave life? When have you said something you wished you could take back?
3. Where have you seen words create a new reality?
4. From your experiences with other people, share a time you observed someone else functioning in "the humility that comes from wisdom" (James 3:13).
5. How was God getting your attention today?
6. What is God saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?