

SCRIPTURE: James 3:1-12

1. **BELONG** – Remember, this section isn't filler, but a genuine time to slow down and assess how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Feel free to change the questions, but the point is to truly sit in this moment to allow time and space for encouraging spiritual connectivity.
 - A. How would you tell the story of this season of your life? If it were a book what would the title be?
 - What circumstances (bad or good) has the Lord been using to shape you and help you grow in Him?
 - Has anyone had a spiritual conversation with a person who doesn't know Jesus since we last met?
 - B. With this conversation in mind, spend some time praying for one another.

2. **DISCOVER** – Read James 3:1-12 together. Remember, this is meant to be a dialogue not a monologue. Being a Life Group leader doesn't mean you have to be a subject matter expert on the book of James. It simply means that you are the lead learner. This section is all about discovering the Word together.
 - A. Thinking back to Brad's message on this passage, what points or illustrations come to mind?
 - B. Given the context of this chapter and book, how would you summarize the primary theme of this section of scripture?
 - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **God**?
 - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
 - D. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **mankind**?
 - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
 - E. Read back through the passage. What imagery most clearly helps you grasp the power of our words?

3. **GO** – Take time to apply the text. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups just sit and talk about information, we won't experience transformation. This section is about keeping one another accountable to living out what we're learning.
 - A. Tell us about a time where you wish you could take back your words.
 - B. Thinking back, what are some words others spoke into your life that impacted you positively or negatively? How do those words still resonate with you today?
 - C. Given the power of our words to bless or to curse, how would you describe the responsibility of believers to build up others?
 - D. Discuss ways you are tempted to speak that are not in line with who Christ is and how He would have us represent Him.

4. **PRAY** – Petition the Lord together as you close your group time.
 - A. Pray for wisdom and discernment in selecting the words you use this week.
 - Ask the Lord for a continued reminder of the power of our words.
 - Ask Him to build healthy habits in the way you communicate.
 - Ask the Lord to give you opportunities to speak blessing into the lives of those around you.