

## Harnessing the Power of WORDS

You Don't Say

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The tongue has...

*Power to Direct*

*Power to Destroy*

*Power to Delight*

## Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

### **1. Read James 3:1.**

How much power does James say the tongue holds? What image would you use to describe the power of your tongue?

**2. 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?

How does what we say reveal what is in our hearts?

Both the horse and the ship need someone to direct them. Do you feel you need someone to direct you? Why or why not? Why do you think we resist giving the Holy Spirit control of our words and our lives?

**3. Read James 3:5-6.** In what way does the tongue destroy like fire? How might something we say, grow into something we never meant to start?

If our words reflect the condition of our hearts, what do your words say about the condition of your heart?

What do you need to do about any mean, hurtful, ugly, or critical kinds of words that have come from your mouth?

### **4. Read James 3:9-12.**

How can our tongues cause delight? In what ways did you use words to bless someone this week?

What does the illustration of the spring and fruit teach you?

What benefits are there to building others up with what we say?

Think of three people you will intentionally encourage with your words this week. How will you use words to bless them?