

STUDY GUIDE

November 24

STAY IN THE LOOP

Announcements



- Invite your friends and family to come and support our local vendors at our **Jingle Jam Christmas Market** and enjoy free crafts and games for the kids on Saturday, Nov 30, 9am-3pm!

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Thank God for His life-giving words in the Bible. Ask God to help us daily submit ourselves and what words come out of our mouths to Him. Ask God to help us reflect who He is in our words and actions.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

Proverbs 10:8

Proverbs 29:11

James 3:1-2; 7-18

James 4:7-11

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. James emphasizes the power of words to build or destroy. Reflect on a time when your words had a significant positive or negative impact. How did you respond, and what did you

learn from that experience?

2. James 3:8 states that "no human being can tame the tongue." What steps can we take to better align our speech with God's will?
3. Words can be compared to cinder blocks, which can either destroy or build foundations. In what ways can you intentionally use your words to lay a foundation of encouragement and support for those around you?
4. James 3:10 challenges us with the contradiction of praising God and cursing others from the same mouth. Why do you think it's so difficult to maintain consistency in our speech, and how can submission to God help bridge this gap?
5. Verses 13-18 highlight the connection between wisdom and deeds, including speech. How can the qualities of heavenly wisdom (e.g., purity, peace-loving, mercy) guide the way you speak to others in daily life?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

"7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." - James 4:7-11

Submit every part of yourself to God, including your words, and allow him to transform you.