

Living the Way: A study of the book of James  
February 15, 2026 Discussion Guide  
Scripture reading: James 3:1-12

**CHECK UP:**

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

- James 2:26

\* How did you show greater faith in God by what you did this past week?

**OPEN:**

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- How did you mature individually, hold on to another believer, or go make an impact this past week?
  
- What can you learn about a person by listening to him or her speak?

**READ and DISCUSS: James 3: 1-12**

- What unique responsibility does a teacher bear?
  
- What is the purpose of a bit in the mouth of a horse?
  
- What damage can a small spark cause to a great forest?
  - How does your answer to the last 2 questions apply to what we say?
  
- What are the ways we sin with our speech?

**APPLY:**

- How can you avoid having your speech negatively affected by those around you?
  
- How should you respond to someone whose tongue is unruly?
  - **NEXT STEP:**  
What do you need to do this week to have more confidence in the way you respond to the world around you?

Memory Work:

Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.  
James 3:10

Next Week's Reading:

James 3: 13-18