



“Faith That Works – It Shows”
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Talk It Over

Faith That Works
(Week 3) Group Study: James 3:1-12
“Guards Your Mouth”

I. _____ faith is _____
faith

II. Genuine faith grows and it _____

III. Faith and _____ work

IV. Actions _____ what you really

SMALL TALK

1. What was one of your “bloopers” when you said something you wish you had not?

VIEWPOINT

2. **READ James 3:1-12.** Why is a stricter judgment placed upon teachers? (3:1)
3. What three illustrations does James use demonstrating the power of the tongue, and what do these teach us? (3:3-6)
4. What does 3:7-12 teach us about the tongue? About human nature? About hope for change? If there is hope, where is the hope found according to the illustration? (Compare this with John 15:1-5; and Matthew 15:18-19)

GETTING PERSONAL

5. When is your tongue more likely to be “set on fire by the fires of hell”?
6. What have you found helpful in controlling your tongue? In changing the source of your spring? (3:11)

MAKING PROGRESS (THIS WEEK)

Dear God, You know better than I do that the solution for “Me and My Big Mouth” is not ME—trying harder to hold my tongue or trying harder to say the right things. The real hope for “Me and My Big Mouth” is YOU. Thank you for your forgiveness, please cleanse my heart, and fill me with your life, your fresh clean living water filling me and flowing through me more. Help me to speak from the good things I store up in my heart. In Jesus Name, Amen.