Faith Works Series

Week #5 Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-11

The miracle of communication

Proverbs 10:19

Proverbs 15:4

Point one: The human tongue can be used as a flame thrower.

John 8:11

Mark 9:20-24

Proverbs 15:4

Point Two: The human tongue can be a burn healer.

I Thess 5:11

Proverbs 15:23

Point three: The human tongue can <u>build</u> others up.

Points to Ponder – Life Group Discussion

- 1 Comment on the power and impact of words. Discuss the impact of social media when it comes to spreading news. Is it a blessing or curse? Have you been a "flame thrower?" If so, what can you do to begin the healing process?
- 2 How do the words "I'm sorry" or "I forgive you" influence the healing process? Can you list other Biblical examples when Jesus brought healing to others by his words or actions? Reflect. How has Jesus brought healing to your life?
- 3 Was there a particularly difficult time in your life when the words of another lifted you up? Agree-Disagree. Encouragement (Building another up) does not have to be earned by the individual. It should freely be given. What are your favorite Scripture passage(s) to go to when you're feeling down?

Home work: James 3:13-4:3