



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

happenings

Families with young children:

We are working on plans to have nursery and Kids' Church back up and running by Labor Day. For now, we still would love to see you on Sundays.

Kids are welcome to be with us in the worship service, and we will make the classrooms available for families to utilize if desired.

UW SPORTS CAMP: Saturdays this July: 10am-noon. To sign up or if you have any questions, contact Heather Pries, at priesrn@gmail.com.

Welcome Kalehua! Our new Ministry Assistant is Kalehua Meheula, a member of our church family. Please join us in welcoming her - stop by the office during the week, give her a call, or send her a note at kalehua@gracekona.org.

We need your help: Setting up chairs between Sports Camp (on Saturday mornings in July) and Sunday mornings. Contact Bob at mahaiula00@gmail.com.



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - James 3:1-18

Broader Context: *Determine that you will avoid the world's way of responding to difficulties.*

Big Idea: James challenges us to avoid lashing out against other believers whose behavior you think may be adding to your difficulties.

• **Don't too quickly presume to teach others... (3:1-12)**

• **If you have "wisdom" for others... (3:13-18)**

GRACE GROUP discussion questions - James 3:1-18

**Spend some time catching up and talking story.
Spend some time in the text - Read James 3.**

James 3:1-18 — What is James' encouragement to us?

1. Why does James move from talking about active faith to taming the tongue? How are these ideas related?
2. What does James mean when he says the tongue is restless and evil?
3. What metaphors does James use in this passage? What point is he trying to make through these images?
4. How does the tongue impact our relationship with God? With other people?
5. What else has James said about wisdom? What does the Bible say about wisdom?
6. How does living in wisdom relate to what James wrote about taming the tongue?
7. What would this audience have already believed about wisdom?
8. Where is James taking his readers? What point is he making here?

James 3:1-18 — How does it apply to our lives today

2. When have you experienced your words being directly related to a positive or negative outcome?
2. What would it look like to tame your tongue? What would be different? What would stay the same?
3. How would our church, or our world, be different if we learned to tame our tongues?
4. What do you think James would have to say about the internet and how we communicate there?
5. Who in your life exhibits "wisdom from above?" How do you know?
6. Which traits of wisdom do you see in yourself? Which could you work on?
7. How do you see these two kinds of wisdom at play in our world today?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.