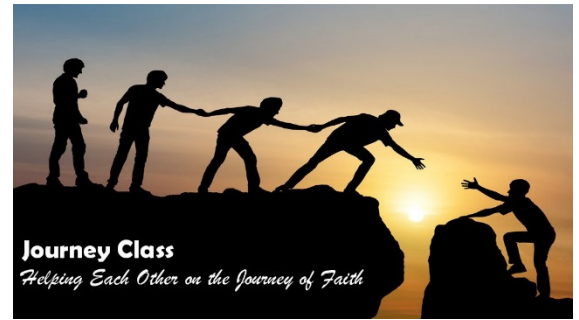


James – Taming the Tongue

A pinch of salt, a pebble in a shoe, and a nail in a tire are all small items that can have large consequences. Think of some other examples of this principle. What are some tiny objects that wield great power or influence?



Read James 3:1-12

How does a person's tongue compare to a horse's bit and a ship's rudder?

Why is the tongue so difficult to control?

Do you find controlling your tongue difficult?

Can the tongue be used for both good and evil? How?

How can controlling our tongues bring glory to God?

How can our tongues hinder or detract from God's glory?

What are some examples of the poison of an untamed tongue?

Give some examples of ways our words can encourage others.

How can we submit our tongues to the control of God's Spirit?

How do you demonstrate a living faith?

In the big picture of faith and works, James says our speech is the number one indicator of what we believe. How would others describe the color and content of our words

Prayers...



Being strong for each other

Closing Devotion:

Father, change us from the inside out. Purify our hearts so that our speech will be pleasing to you. Keep us from using our words to manipulate and hurt others. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to use our tongues to sing your praises and to build others up in the faith.