

## **Growth Group Homework**

June 8th, 2014

Sermon Series: The Walk of Faith

Sermon Title: Wonderful Words of Life

Sermon Texts: James 3:1-12

Preacher: Rod Bender

Take a few minutes to review the sermon outline from Sunday. Then answer the following questions, looking up Scripture verses where noted. Feel free to refer to other verses you may know that address the issue being considered.

### **Getting to Know You**

Share about a time when your tongue got you in trouble. If you could go back in time, what would you have done differently (if anything)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Read James 3:1-12 and answer the questions below:

a. What stands out to you most in this passage about the tongue and its power and effects?

c. Read James 3:8 again. If no human being can control the tongue, why bother trying?

2. From Gal 5:19-21, which fruit of the flesh are expressed using the tongue?

3. What examples or warnings of an untamed tongue are mentioned in each one of these verses?

a. Prov. 12:18-19 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Prov. 20:3 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Prov. 20:19 \_\_\_\_\_

d. Prov. 27:2 \_\_\_\_\_

e. Psalm 12:3-4 \_\_\_\_\_

f. Prov. 10:19 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Read Luke 6:45. If you want your speech to be good and bring healing, what must you do?

### **Making it Personal**

5. Which characteristic, from the ones listed in question 3, is the most difficult for you to control and why?

6. What situations tend to bring out the best or worst in your tongue?

7. What will you do this week to better control your tongue? What will you do in order to speak life-giving words to those around you?

### **Prayer**