

Break the Ice (15 min) \_\_\_\_\_

- What is one of the most meaningful, kind things that has ever been said to you?
- Think of a time when you said something you shouldn't have. How did you deal with it?

Check In (10 min) \_\_\_\_\_

- How has your faith been growing throughout the last few weeks?
- Pray, thanking God for those present, and ask God to lead your discussion.

Learn Together (15min) \_\_\_\_\_

Read James 3:1-12

- Why is it such a big responsibility to be a teacher, especially for the Scripture?
- What do the examples of the bit, rudder and fire teach us about the importance of watching what we say?
- In light of verse 8, what hope do we have in relation to controlling our tongues?
- How do verses 2 and 10 make you feel about what you say? How will they prompt you to pray?
- How does this section relate to the overall theme(s) of James?

Act On It (15 min) \_\_\_\_\_

- How is it that we can lose awareness of just how powerful our words can be? What helps us grow in that awareness?
- How does understanding Jesus as God's "better word" help us better understand how we should use our words?
- Jesus and the apostles Peter and Paul were not always very "tame:" when I came to the tongue. When is harsh language acceptable?
- What are some practical steps you might take to help control your "tongue" in a godly way?

Pray Together (10 min) \_\_\_\_\_

As your group time closes, your group leader will give any updates or news that you might want to take note of. You will also pray as a group. Use this space to write down how you can pray for your group members throughout the coming week.