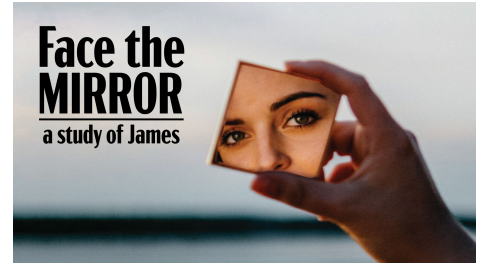


Face the Mirror

James 3:1-12 (7.18.21)

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The tongue is incredibly powerful. And, with great power comes great responsibility.

ICE BREAKER: We all can struggle with our speech at times. What is your biggest temptation?

Read: James 3:1-2; Romans 3:12, 23

- James said that not all should become teachers. With the high bar James sets, why would *anyone* become a teacher?

Read: James 3:3-4

- James gave us two examples of control: horses and ships. The implication is that the tongue can be controlled. How do we do that?

Read: James 3:5-8

- The tongue is dangerous. How have you seen that personally play out in your experience?
- James wrote that no human being can tame the tongue. That seems kind of dispiriting. What are we to do about that?

Read: James 3:9-12

- Frank said that the way we take control of our tongue is to decide to exercise control, distill our speech, and devote our hearts to God. How can you put that into practical terms for yourself?

Prayer: Ask God to help you be more aware of your speech and to purify your speech to bring Him honor and glory.