



Questions for further study

## A Faith that Transforms

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James 3: 1-12

1. (v1-2) Why does James say that teachers are judged harder? How can we make sure that we are discerning in how we listen to those who teach and preach? How would you approach someone if you thought their message was unbiblical or wrong?
2. (v3-8) Think of the four pictures James gives us. (A horse. A ship. A spark. A trained animal.) How do these illustrate the ways should we control our tongues? Can you think of examples of times when the tongue is out of control? What damage does it do?
3. (v9-12) Read **Matt 15:18-19, Luke 6:43-45**. What is Jesus telling us? How would you approach someone who thinks “speaking the truth in love” (Eph 4:15) is an excuse to be hurtful or unkind? How would you explain what this means to a new Christian?
4. What practical steps can you take to make sure your words, both spoken and written, are acceptable to God?
5. Build each other up. Give everyone a piece of paper and get them to write their name on the top. Pass these on so everyone can write down uplifting, encouraging, and beautiful things about each other.
6. Perhaps spend time in prayer repenting of the times we have been unkind or hurtful with our words.