

## **Bible Study for September 6-12, 2021**

**Read:** James 3:1-12

### **Notes:**

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

What symptoms of “foot-in-mouth” disease have you recently demonstrated? What’s one of your best known “bloopers”?

Why do you think there is a stricter judgement placed on teachers? (verse 1) How might this relate to the taming of the tongue?

Would you agree that the tongue has the power James describes in his 3 illustrations of the horse bit, the ships rudder, and a fire’s spark? Why or why not?

While James says that “*no man can contain the tongue*” (verse 8), does that let us off the hook regarding what we say to others? Why or why not?

What have you found helpful in controlling your tongue? How might you go about changing your tongue to be one of praising rather than cursing?