



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

James - Week 8: Tame the Tongue  
July 27 - 30, 2023

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**LEADER NOTES:** Summer trimester: 6/5-7/30, Fall trimester: 8/28-12/10 **New Leader Trainings:** 8/6, 12/10 in person and 8/7, 12/18 on Zoom. **Coach and Leader gathering at Baymeadows on 8/14 and at all other campuses on 8/21. [Click here to RSVP.](#)**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – *What's your next step? Stay informed and connected to ALL the things God is doing in and through The Church of Eleven22 at [coe22.com/news](https://coe22.com/news).*

**Serve opportunity at The Retreat Center:** Help maintain the property and prepare it for guests. Serve opportunities include: Weekly Housekeeping, Monthly Window & Kitchen Cleaning, General Repair/Upkeep and Golf Course Maintenance. [Click here for more information and to sign up to serve.](#)

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: [coe22.com/readingplan](https://coe22.com/readingplan)

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**Share Wins, Praises and Prayers:** Where did you see God move this week?

**The Point:** Out of the overflow of the mouth, the heart speaks. Does your mouth reveal that you need heart surgery?

**SERMON TEXT:** James 1:26; 3:1-12; 4:11-12; Genesis 1; John 1; Proverbs 12:18; 15:1; 8:21; Ephesians 4:29; 2 Timothy 2: 16

## Discussion Questions

**LEADERS:** There is no pressure to get through all the questions; we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

- **What stood out to you in the sermon this week?**
- **Read *James 1:26, James 3:1-12 and James 4:11-12*. What did God reveal to you in the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Discover:** What do both *Genesis 1:1* and *John 1:1* reveal to us about the power of God's words?  
**Deepen:** You are created in God's image. What does that imply about the power of your words?
- **Read *James 3:3-6*. Compare the analogies of the horse's bit, the ship's rudder, and the spark of fire.** *(The bit and the rudder are very small things that a rider and a captain can use to direct and control tremendous power. A spark can start a raging fire that, once released, cannot be controlled or undone. You can't stop careless words once they've left your mouth and you have no idea how they may impact others.)*
- **Read *James 3:7-12***  
**Discover:** What recent conversations did these verses make you think about?  
**Deepen:** If all your conversations this week were recorded and broadcast for everyone to hear, what would you want to erase and what would you want to save?
- **Read *Ephesians 4:29* Your words can tear down or bless yourself, your family, your business, etc.**  
**Discover:** What are you saying to yourself about yourself? *(God spoke the universe into existence. Satan used the power of words to convince a third of the angels to leave heaven. We all remember things said to us years ago that stabbed like a knife or greatly encouraged us. Never underestimate the power of words and the lies you may be listening to.)*  
**Deepen:** Just because something is true doesn't mean it needs to be said. Based on *Ephesians 4:29*, what questions should you ask yourself before you say something? *(Pastor Joby shared five questions to ask yourself: Is what I'm about to say just from an overflow of emotion? Is it corrupting? Is it constructive or destructive? Is it the appropriate time and place to say it? Is it full of grace?)*
- **Take turns speaking encouragement and blessing over one of your group members right now. How can you speak blessing over your life, family, business and community?**

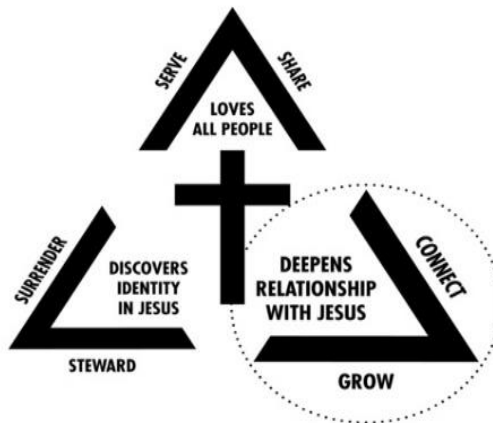
## ACTION STEP

**A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.**

Use your words to bring life by verbally encouraging someone each day this week.

Additional Resources:

- **RightNow Media:** Find *an unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to [coe22.com/rightnowmedia](http://coe22.com/rightnowmedia) or text "RightNow" to 441122.  
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