

Bible Talk Outline



COMPLETE IN OUR SPEECH | Luke Dahlenburg

Bible reading: James 3:1-18

Is your tongue being shaped by the wisdom of God?

So far in James...

Talk 1: Trials grow faith into maturity.

Talk 2: Hearing and doing God's word.

Talk 3: Faith and actions in sync.

Talk 4: Deep Dive = Saved for service (Mission and Maturity).

Today: The power of our words.

1. Tiny Muscle, Massive Impact (James 3:1-2)

Teachers judged more strictly.

Words reflect the heart.

Tongue = spiritual indicator.

2. Small Things, Big Trouble (James 3:3-6)

Bit, rudder, spark – big effects.

Words can destroy like fire.

Tongue can be hellish (!).

3. The Beast Within (James 3:7-8)

Tongue harder to tame than wild animals.

Only God can tame it through Jesus.

Christ, the Word of life, changes our speech.

4. One Mouth, Two Messages (James 3:9-12)

Blessing & cursing from same mouth.

People made in God's image.

Our speech must be consistent.

5. The Inner Tongue (James 3:13-18)

Heavenly wisdom shapes deeds & words

God's wisdom: pure, peace-loving, sincere.

Key Takeaways

We speak 15,000 words a day. Let them build up, not tear down.

Our words reveal our spiritual health and if we follow God's wisdom.

God's wisdom transforms both our speech and our hearts.

Let your tongue reflect the grace of Jesus and the wisdom from above.

"Pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." (v17)