



JAMES | DEVOTED

SELF-AWARE

James 4.11-12



Talk About

1. *Think of a time when you were the target of someone speaking against you. What effect did it have on you? Why?*

2. *Think of a time when you saw your speech have a negative impact on others. What was it about your speech that meant it had that effect?*

3. *What justification, if any, were you tempted to make?*



Review

4. *James has written about the tongue at a number of points in his letter. Briefly summarise the main ideas that he has canvassed...*

•1.19-20

•1.26

•2.12-13

•3.1-12

5. *How is the law summed up by...*

•*Jesus in Luke 10.27*

•*Paul in Romans 13.9-10*

11. *What does our judgment of other reveal about our own hearts?*



Action

12. *How might we prepare our own hearts if we are to “rebuke our neighbour frankly”? (see James 4.10)*

13. *How does this gospel of grace equip us to speak to others about sin?*

14. *One author identifies “three ways in which Christians are often too quick to criticise: ‘judging the motives behind other’s words or actions ...’, judging how others spend money and judging how others are rearing their children.” To which of these three are you prone? Would you add others to this list?*

15. *How are you tempted to justify your “speaking against” others? What is the story you tell yourself to reassure you that this is okay?*