



deovox group study guide

Tongue Twisted James 3.1-12

1. Leadership brought status in those days, as it does today in most church circles. If you're the person at the front, people tend to respect you. What drives the love of status, either in our society or in church?

2. The power of the tongue is so great that the person able to control it, is able to become a fully mature person. What is the relationship between one's ability to control the use of one's tongue and spiritual maturity? How are they connected?

3. A scoundrel plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire. A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends. Focus on the issue of gossip. What is it, and why is it so damaging?

4. People will follow the teaching of their leaders. Do you agree? If this is true, how do you measure the quality of a leader? Do you follow without questioning, or do you take a cynical attitude to leadership? What is the danger in each of these approaches?

5. The things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. Discuss how God challenges you about your speech from reading this passage.