

Sermon Questions: James 3 Power of Words 4/02/2023

- 1. Were you surprised by the directness of James 1:26:
 "If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless"?
- 2. What is the significance of the words we speak- both on the day of Pentecost and in the calling of Isaiah the prophet?
- 3. In James 3 we are told that "we all fail in many areas but especially with our words," and that "the tongue is not able to be tamed." If this is true, what is our hope as Christians to honor God with our words?
- 4. If the first application point is true that: "We can increase joy and decrease troubles," how can we strike a balance between vulnerability and truthfulness with each other?
- 5. How does the second application point that: "We can replace complaints with praise," relate to the children of Israel in the wilderness?
- 6. What did you think of the statement, "They remained where they complained"?
- 7. In relation to the point that: "We can stop rehearsing the negative," why did God call the spies report in Numbers 13:32 'negative, bad, evil' when it was factually correct?
- 8. In regard to the point that: "We can declare what God has said about our future," what role has declaring God's word played in your life?
- 9. How does Hebrews 13:5-6 relate to what we can boldly declare?