

“Untongling Your Tang”

Sermon Discussion Questions on James 3:1-12

Note: *To give & receive the greatest benefit from this discussion, please review your own sermon notes, read & reflect on these discussion questions in advance.*

1. Pronounce these tongue twisters & misspoken words. Then, discuss why accurate pronunciation is important and how to improve.
 - * *He threw three free throws...Selfish shellfish* (5 times each)
 - * *February, Sherbet, Nuclear, Often*
2. Someone read **James 3:2-5a** (Our tongues direct where we go).
 - * Which analogy for the tongue did you find particularly interesting, challenging or convicting i.e. bits in horses mouths, rudders on ships?
 - * Read & review **Proverbs 12:14 & 18; 18:21; 25:11.**
 - * How might the text & tone of our voices change the course of Bethel church over the next few years...for better or worse?
3. Someone read **James 3:5b-8** (Our tongues can destroy what we have).
 - * Which of the analogies for the destructive power of the tongue did you find most disturbing i.e. wildfires in a forest, wild animals on a prey?
 - * Read & review **Proverbs 16:26-27; 26:22; Psalm 141:3**
 - * Find & play “The Rumor Mill” song on YouTube (lyrics on reverse side of this page).
 - * What are some ways to help each other resign from the rumor mill?
4. Someone read **James 3:9-12** (Our tongues display who we are).
 - * Which of the analogies did you find particularly enlightening or convicting i.e. pump on a well, fruit of a tree?
 - * Read & review **Matthew 12:34-35; Galatians 5:22-23.**
 - * If our tongues reveal what is in our hearts, what steps can we take to clean them up?
 - * Read & pray together through **Psalm 139:23-24; 51:10; Ephesians 4:29-32; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:16.**

“The Rumor Mill”

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Verse 1

Let me tell you a story about a local enterprise, there's one in every town no matter what its size.

*It doesn't turn a profit or bring in any revenue, it's good for one thing and that's the damage it'll do it's called **The Rumor Mill**.*

Chorus 1

***The Rumor Mill**, oh yeah **The Rumor Mill**.*

*If it can be twisted you can be sure that it will cause there ain't nothing sacred at **The Rumor Mill**.*

Verse 2

The people that work there are all volunteers, the only qualification is a mouth and two big ears.

If the story's not clear enough well that's ok, they'll just doctor it up and then send it on its way.

*It doesn't matter who's involved or who it is gonna hurt, as long as folks are listenin' they'll keep shovelin' dirt at **The Rumor Mill**.*

Chorus 2

***The Rumor Mill**...manufacturing lies; **The Rumor Mill**...where the truth is disguised.*

***The Rumor Mill**... where reputations are crushed; **The Rumor Mill**... where nothing is hushed.*

*If it can be twisted you can be sure that it will, cause there ain't nothing sacred at **The Rumor Mill**.*

Verse 3

Now listen my children to this warning I make, you've got a lot to lose, there's a lot here at stake.

The Bible plainly states you're gonna reap what you sow, and you'll be shown mercy by the mercy you show.

*So shut your mouth and ask your friends to kindly do the same, or you'll wind up a victim with no one else to blame, at **The Rumor Mill**.*