



For the week of: March 17th, 2002

Title: Tame The Tongue

Passage: James 3:1-12

Memory Verse: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." **Ephesians 4:29**

1. You have a choice. You can either edify or crucify someone.
 - a. What does it mean to edify?
List some ways we can do this:
 - b. What does it mean to crucify?
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2. **Read Acts 4:36.** Barnabas picked his name because he was an encourager. Do you have a Barnabas in your life? Share with the group the last time your Barnabas encouraged you.
3. **Read Ephesians 4:29.** This week decide to avoid the lessons of others. (**1 Corinthians 5:13** and **Proverbs 16:28**) What can you do when those around you begin to gossip?
4. Share with the group something positive that God is doing in your life. What are some things you can verbally thank God for tonight?
5. Tonight let's major in edification. Go around and answer question... "You know what I like about you?" See if you can use a Biblical character or a Bible verse to encourage two people in your group.

Homework: Finish this last week of fasting strong. Remember to be praying for all that God would have you nail to the cross this Sunday.