

Memory Verse: James 3:5-6

Ice-breaker

Compare and contrast animals you've trained to taming your tongue?

Read James 3:1-12

- 1. Why do you think the Lord would have James warn us about becoming teachers of God's Word?
- 2. How do you see your speech (tongue) indicating your spiritual maturity?
- 3. Describe in your own words how the similarities of horseback riding and boating relate to your speech.
- 4. So. Cal. is quite familiar with wildfires. Knowing how fires often get started, continue the dialogue by comparing wildfires to your speech.
- 5. The tongue (v.7): a **world of unrighteousness** (ESV); a **world of evil** (NIV); a **world of iniquity** (TDSB); **Uncontrollable evil, full of deadly poison** (NLT). Sounds rather extreme. How do you feel about James using this type of language when it comes to such a little part of our bodies?
- 6. On the positive side, James says it is possible for good to come out of our mouths (v.9). How do you see this being possible in your own life?
- 7. What is one area of tongue control that you will commit to God control this week? (Examples: gossip, complaining, slandering, criticism, anger, etc.)

Announcements.

Harvest Party – Friday, October 29 Volunteer (<https://www.northcoastcalvary.org/harvestparty/>)

HIKE: NOVEMBER 6 AT LAKE HODGES Join us on Saturday, November 6th for an 8.3 mile hike. Piedras Pintadas / Bernardo Bay Trails Directions: 78 East to 15 south to Sunset Dr. to Parking lot near the Sikes Adobe house Maps (coming soon) Led by: Orville Stanton
<https://www.northcoastcalvary.org/outdoor/>

BELONG – Sundays November 7, 14 & 21 at 10:45am in room C-205B. We have a membership-type class called BELONG, in which you'll gain a strong sense of our history, purpose, values and practices. You'll all develop an understanding of what it means to belong to NCCC, including how the Lord has crafted you to serve Him best. It's a 3-week series, which begins, Sunday November 7 at 10:45am. Register online (<https://www.northcoastcalvary.org/belong/>) or even easier at the Info table in the piazza right after this service. If you have never come to it, I highly recommend it.