

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: JAMES 3:1-12

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage?

INFORM THE HEAD / STIR THE HEART

1. Ecclesiastes 7:21-22 says, “Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others.” And James 3:2a says, “For we all stumble in what we say.” Why do you think it’s so hard to give ourselves grace with our harsh words toward others, but not to extend grace to the harsh words of others?

Please read 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15

2. From vs. 11, what is the difference between encouraging/building others up, and flattering others for selfish gain?

3. What are the specific commands given for how we treat each other and what is their opposite meaning?

a. Vs. 11

b. Vs. 12

c. Vs. 13

d. Vs. 14

e. Vs. 15

4. What are some reasons we’re sometimes tempted to treat others exactly opposite of the commands in this passage?

5. How did Jesus live out these commands as a model for us to follow?

6. Please read vs. 14. What are some ways that we can discern whether or not a person is idle/belligerent, fainthearted/discouraged, or weak/helpless? What happens if we get the commands confused (i.e. admonish the fainthearted, encourage or help the idle)?

7. From vs. 15, what are some ways the following heart motives repay evil for evil, and what are some tangible, practical ways we can do good instead?

a. Self-rule

b. Self-satisfied

c. Self-pity

d. Self-protection

CHALLENGE THE WILL

Based on what you learned from the study, or read in the passage, what actions/focus do you need to pursue in order to draw closer to the Lord and to seek restoration in relationships with others in your life (i.e. Respect the tongue. It can bring a world of hurt when out of control; Respect that until heaven, we will always need to apologize for our words; Seek for your words to encourage, build up, and unify rather than tear down or destroy)?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, February 10 // Luke 6:32-45

Out of the abundance of the heart

Tuesday, February 11 // 1 Thessalonians 5:9-28

Be at peace among yourselves

Wednesday, February 12 // 2 Timothy 3:1-17

Continue in what you've learned and believed

Thursday, February 13 // Psalm 33:1-22

Praise befits the Upright

Friday, February 14 // 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Cherish