‘Cultivate’ – a letter from James - James 3:1-12 – SG Q’s 10/09

Pray together

Ice breaker: What is a phrase or something said to you that annoys/upsets you?

1. Why will those who teach be judged with greater strictness?
   1. Do you think this is fair?
   2. Are you a teacher? (ministry or otherwise)
   3. Who has been/is your favorite teacher? (ministry or secular) Why?
2. Why do you think James is discouraging becoming a teacher?
   1. What is the difference between teaching and witnessing?
3. What can we learn from this?
4. What does it mean to ‘bridle’? (Vs. 2)
5. Compare/contrast to “bridle a horse” and “guide by rudder”
   1. Why James using these examples, and how do they connect to this passage?
6. What does “taming the tongue” have to do with verse 1 and teaching?
7. How do we hold teachers accountable?
   1. How can we hold ourselves accountable?
8. What examples of nature has James compared to the tongue, and how do these relate to the tongue?
9. If we don’t have the “gift” of teaching, how can we still teach, or how and what should we still pass along?
10. Why should we still share our testimony, Scripture and the Gospel?
11. Can we actually control our tongue?
    1. When is a time your tongue was unbridled, and what was the result?
12. What is James trying to teach in Vs 11-12?
13. What are things we can do with our words? (good & bad)
    1. What are practical ways you can use your words for good?
14. How is God’s character being revealed in this passage?

Pray for one another!