

Communicate Openly and Honestly

How can I communicate with others in a way that builds community?

Ice Breaker: What radio/TV personality do you appreciate for his or her uplifting words?

Control Your Speech (read James 3:3-8)

1. Why are the illustrations of a bit, a rudder and a fire spark so fitting when talking of the tongue?

2. If no human being can control the tongue, why bother trying?

Be Consistent In Your Speech (read James 3:9-12)

1. What do these contradictions in speech say about our basic human nature? Our relationship with God?

2. Discuss how these inconsistencies can be harmful to the community of the church?

Avoid Destructive Speech (read Colossians 3:8-10)

1. What does it mean to “put on the new self”? (see Colossians 2:6-7, 10) How is this like a “continuing education program”? A change of wardrobe?

