## **BUILDING BLOCKS OF COMMUNITY**

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# **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?

Speak Positive Words (read 1 Peter 3:8-10)			
1.	How should we live if we want to "love life and see good days" (v.10)?		
2.	Of the five directives given in verses 8 & 9, which do you think is the most difficult to do? Why?		

## Wrap up:

> Make an effort to evaluate your speech this week

#### Prayer:

Speech and relationships go together. Is there a relationship that you would like prayer in regard to your speech?

### LIFE Groups

Providing an environment to nurture caring relationships and spiritual growth.

L	•	Learn	applying Biblical truth for everyday living
I	•	Invite	welcoming others to our fellowship
F	•	Fellowship	nurturing Christ centered caring relationships
			combining evangelism, teaching and nurturing to impact our world for Christ