My Story

1. Think of a time when someone's words hurt you?

2. Why are words so powerful?

Digging Deeper – James 3:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-6; 29

3. Teachers seem to be using their words to distract and mislead the church. Why are leadership positions so important?

4. What is James teaching with the analogy of the horse and ship?

5. What point is he making with fire?

6. List some examples of people using their words to destroy.

7. What is James saying in verses 9-12?

8. Why does he add the phrase, "made in the likeness of God?"

9. How does the Ephesian passage add to what James is teaching?

10. How does the "worthy of the calling" list help with the danger of our words?

11. Describe Ephesians 4:29 in your own words.

Taking It Home

12. In what ways are these passages challenging to you?

13. List some ways your words can give grace to those who hear?