



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide
November 10, 2024

Refresh

Read Ephesians 4:29, Isaiah 6:1-7, and James 3:1-12 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

Discuss

What are examples of “corrupting talk” that are obvious to us? What are examples that are often less obvious to us? How can we become more discerning in diagnosing whether our words are “corrupting talk”?

Why do we often excuse “corrupting talk” in our lives as if it is not a problem? How can we train ourselves to be more sensitive to view our speech as God sees it? How might the account in Isaiah 6:1-7 inform us of how we can better understand our sin?

When you think of people who consistently use speech that “builds up,” who comes to mind? What about the way they talk causes you to think of them as someone who encourages others with their words?

What metaphors does James use in James 3 to describe the tongue? What do these metaphors reveal about the power of the tongue? In what ways have you seen the truths in James 3 in your own life experience?

Why do you think God ordered the church in such a way that our speech should operate as channels of grace to those around us? How does this promote and develop unity within the body of Christ?

As we narrow the focus to our homes, what does it look like to have a home where “corrupting talk” is not tolerated in the home? How can we, as parents and grandparents, model and foster an environment of edifying speech in our homes?