

Delta Group Lesson-
April 6th, 2008
“Straight Up — Say
Ahhh!”

Big Idea:
“Danger! Beware of Mouth!”

All of us have had moments when we wish we could reach out and retrieve



the words that just left our tongue. All of us have had our lives shaped by the words spoken to us. Repeatedly, we are reminded of the power of our words. We realize one of the most important skills we can develop is the skill of consistently monitoring our tongue. In this section James gives us a sober and challenging look at a small portion of our body that wields a powerful influence. We all need the reminder: Danger: Beware of Mouth!

Open it:

How have positive words said to you shaped your life?
How have negative words said to you shaped your life?

Dig it: Read James 2:1-13

1. List the analogies and comparisons used in this passage to describe the tongue.
2. Why do you think the tongue has such control over our lives as to be compared to a bit and rudder (vs. 3-4)
3. What is the point of comparing the tongue to a fire and to a world of evil (vs. 5-6)
4. In what ways can the tongue poison people and relationships (vs. 7-8)
5. Discuss the inconsistencies of how we talk to each other and to God (vs.9)

Reflect on it:

1. What in this text gives you strength and motivation to be more careful with your words?
2. Can you think of a time when your words were harmful and you probably were not aware of it or thought it serious?

Do it:

1. How can you begin to take more responsibility for the words that you use?
2. To whom can you speak a word of blessing this week?
3. Pray as a group for our words to be a blessing.