



Sermon Questions

August 10th, 2025 | Scripture: Exodus 20:1-2, 16, and James 3:3-10 (The Ninth Commandment)

<p>Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. <i>Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.</i></p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<h3>WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK</h3> <p>Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:</p> <p><i>Reflect on these Scriptures:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deuteronomy 19:16-19• Proverbs 6:16-19, 12:22, 19:5• Zechariah 8:16-17• Matthew 15:19• Ephesians 4:25• James 4:11-12 <p><i>Pray:</i> Reflect on Psalm 19:14. Ask the Lord to reveal any places where the words of your mouth or the meditation of your heart have not been pleasing in his sight concerning others. Then confess and receive forgiveness in Christ.</p> <p><i>Serve:</i> Reach out to one friend, family member, or neighbor this week to encourage them and recognize the admirable qualities that the Lord has gifted them with.</p>
<h3>Core Questions</h3> <p>1. James 3:3-6 likens the tongue to a bit in the mouth of a horse, a rudder on a ship, and a blazing fire. What do these metaphors reveal about the nature of the tongue?</p> <p>2. Why is the tongue so hard to tame?</p> <p>3. How do these insights help us understand that the ninth commandment is about much more than lying?</p> <h3>Inward Grace in Action</h3> <p>4. Read the quote in the box below. Who are the people in your life that are hardest for you to promote and preserve their reputation, and why is that so?</p> <h3>Outward Grace in Action</h3> <p>5. How can we promote and preserve the name of our neighbor in the pressures of a digital age where we are often encouraged to do otherwise?</p>	
<p>“How easy it is to assume the worst about those I don’t like or don’t know, especially people who seem bigger than me (athletes, politicians, celebrities), unlike me (different faith, different color, different politics), or far from me (in physical or relational distance).” – Kevin DeYoung</p>	