

# Slip of the Tongue

## Wildfires or Waterfalls – March 3 & 4

*Fire goes out without wood, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops. (Proverbs 26:20, NLT)*

Read these verses before your discussion: James 3:1-12; Proverbs 12:19, 16:28, & 26:20; Romans 1:29; Psalm 139:17

Dive deeper into this week's sermon content. Use these questions to help guide your group discussion.

1. Small sparks can cause great big fires. Have you ever said a few words that got you in trouble or hurt someone else in a way you never intended? Do you think we're held responsible for what we say, even if others misunderstand or misconstrue what we meant to communicate?
2. Gossip and rumors are so destructive because they are the easiest to disguise, sometimes sliding by as harmless venting, legitimate concern, or sincere conviction. How can you begin to redirect when others are being gossiped about, and/or use your words to build others up instead of tearing them down? Is there anyone you need to go to this week and apologize for the way your words have torn them down?
3. Psalm 139:17 says: How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! Have you considered lately what God thinks of you, how he sees you? Do your words reflect what God says is true about you?