

## To Go

### The Power of Words

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1. Share about a time when someone said something abrasive or insulting (if you're feeling brave, share something you said!). What are some alternative ways that person might have approached the situation?
2. Read James 3:1-12. James uses several metaphors to describe the immense power of a tiny instrument like the tongue. What are some other tiny instruments that have disproportionate power?
3. Using your Bible's concordance or a website such as [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com), find some other verses that speak to the power of speech, words, the mouth, the tongue. How many verses can you find? What conclusions can you draw?
4. Go onto social media and stop at the first inflammatory post you find. Brainstorm biblical ways you could respond.
5. Make a personal commitment. Pick a time period (3 days? A week?) that you will only use social media to build others up, sow peace, and bring hope. After that time period ends, evaluate how it went, how you felt, and what response you received.