

# Sermon Resources

**Sermon:** We Don't Talk About Gossip

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## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Luke 18:18–23 & 19:1–10

### GOSSIP DISTORTS TRUTH

### GOSSIP DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS

### SPEAK LIFE AND HELP PEOPLE GROW.

**(SERMON IN A SENTENCE)** Speaking life benefits the Kingdom, while gossip benefits the enemy.

**MEMORY VERSE:** Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.— Ephesians 4:29

## GROUP DISCUSSION

- **ICEBREAKER:** Have you ever been hurt by gossip? What happened, and how did it impact your relationships?
- Read **James 3:5–6** aloud. Why do you think James uses such strong language about the tongue?
- Why is it so challenging to stop gossip once it starts?
- How does gossip distort the truth? Can you think of a time when a partial truth was used in gossip to cause harm?
- What does gossip reveal about the desires or insecurities in our hearts?
- How can our group be intentional about protecting each other from gossip?
- What practical steps can we take to redirect conversations when gossip arises?
- How does gossip hinder our mission as believers to represent Christ to the world?
- What might it look like in your own words to “speak life” in daily conversations?
- How might our words serve as an instrument of grace rather than a weapon of harm?

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Father, show us the areas of our lives that we speak more for the benefit of the enemy than for You. Help us to keep our tongues in check, and to speak truthful, helpful, and grace-filled words about and towards others. May the way I speak about others be a light to those around me. Amen.*