



Series: Better Relationships

Sermon: Part 7: Whisperer

Date: Sunday, November 26th, 2023

When we hear gossip, we then start to create our own narratives as we start to guess what happened, why it happened, and who was involved.

Scripture referenced in sermon: Romans 1:29-32

A person who gossips really has a negative spirit because they are bent on _____ rather than helping.

_____ : Casual or unconstrained talking or rumors about the personal affairs of others behind their backs.

_____ : To speak evil of someone or to bad mouth them with the motive to damage the person.

“What you say flows from what is in your heart.” (Luke 6:45 NLT)

Our words are like the stench or smell of what has been lingering in our _____.

The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man’s inmost parts. (Proverbs 18:8)

In some other translations of this verse, it describes people who gossip as _____, because they smile at you when you are around but they actually talk about you behind your back.

“...slandering others makes you a fool.” (Proverbs 10:18 NLT)

One who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with a gossip. (Proverbs 20:19 NASB)

“Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret, I will put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, I will not tolerate.” (Psalm 101:5)



As followers of Jesus, we have to make sure that what we are saying is accurate and is not our own personal bias, opinions, or even misjudgment about the person because that is actually gossip.

Asking God To Examine Our Hearts:

- God, why do I find myself sharing information about others to others?
- Who am I trying to please?
- What is my motive behind whenever I do this?
- Am I bitter or envious of the person?
- Where is my pride in this and am I trying to gain status for myself?

- Is there a selfish agenda I am trying to advance?
- Where and who did I learn to do this from?
- Whatever I am saying, am I willing to say this in front of the person?
- If I have gossiped, then who do I need to seek forgiveness from?

“Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.”
(Psalm 19:14, Psalm 141:3)

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.” (Matthew 18:15-17)

Bottom Line: *Gossip destroys relationships, destroys trust, and it can even destroy the church. If we are not careful, we can easily get pulled into gossip or even spread it.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. *How do you handle gossip when it shows up or when someone wants to share information with you?*
2. *How have you seen gossip destroy your own relationships?*
3. *What invitation is God giving you to examine your heart this week when it comes to how you use your words. (See examine questions above)*

Songs used in service: Give Me Faith, Tumbas A Jardines (Elevation Worship & Brandon Lake), Run To The Father (Cody Carnes), Trust In God (Elevation Worship)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?