



SUMMIT
— C H U R C H —
DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 12, 2024 | *Words Really Matter: Delicious Poison*



GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER _____

- 1) Play a game of telephone. Click [here](#) for the rules (or type in this web address -> bit.ly/gamerules2). What does this game teach you about the nature of stories that are retold?
- 2) Share a short (2 minutes or less) version of a favorite story from your life.



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

- 1) Share about something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
- 2) Read **3 John 1:1-10** together. What jumps out at you from this passage?
- 3) Why is gossip so destructive for 1) the person spreading it 2) the person hearing it and 3) about whom it is being shared?
- 4) Read **Romans 1:29-30** and **2 Corinthians 12:20** together. What do all the sins listed have in common? Do you believe gossiping is as bad as the other sins listed in these passages? How does God view it?
- 5) How have you seen gossip bring destruction in your life or in the life of someone else?
- 7) How does being trustworthy combat gossip? Review and discuss the five questions to ask about any story you may hear.



GOING DEEPER _____

READ **Proverbs 26:20-22, Proverbs 20:19, & Proverbs 11:13** together.

- 1) What jumps out at you from this passage or verses that is interesting or thought-provoking?
- 2) How does gossip kindle quarrels and strife (26:20-22)?
- 3) Why is gossip seem so easy and enjoyable to consume (26:20-22)?
- 4) Gossip may look different at different stages of life. What does gossip look like in your stage of life? How do you guard against it?
- 5) How does gossip betray trust (20:19, 11:13)?
- 6) What is a practical way that you can avoid someone who spreads gossip through talking too much (20:19)?
- 7) Why is it good to be a trustworthy person (11:13)? How is being trustworthy an example of being like Jesus?



LIVING IT OUT _____

- 1) Identify areas in your life where you're susceptible to gossiping or listening to others gossip. Figure out ways to shut those things down and ask God to help you to carry out that plan.
- 2) Read **2 Corinthians 8:21**. Ask the Lord to help you be honorable in what you say and listen to.



LIFT EACH OTHER UP _____

Take some time to pray for each other.
