

Did You Hear?

You Kiss Your Mother With That Mouth?!, Ephesians 4:29, Prov. 18:8

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Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer the following question:
 - What are some TV shows, podcasts, or books you've enjoyed lately?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. What were you most helped by or convicted about from Sunday's sermon on gossip?
3. Drew defined gossip as "*speaking negatively about or for someone without that someone.*"
 - Which parts of that definition stand out to you?
 - What would you add to it?
4. **Drew shared 3 reasons it is hard to avoid gossip: 1. We disguise it. 2. We say, "It's true so it's not gossip." 3. We are numb to it.**
 - What do you think makes it hard for people to avoid gossip?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app.

5. Read Ephesians 4:29.
 - How does this verse help clarify what is and isn't gossip?
6. Read Proverbs 16:28.
 - How should this verse influence how we talk to and about each other in our Community Group?
7. Read Proverbs 20:19.
 - What are some practical ways we can guard ourselves against gossip in relationships we can't avoid?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

8. **Drew shared 3 ways to overcome gossip: 1. Guard your ears. 2. Check your relationships. 3. Close your mouth.**
 - Where do you most struggle with gossip and what next steps do you need take to overcome it?
9. Drew stated that gossip is a heart issue, not a mouth issue.
 - What do you think are the heart issues that lead you to gossip?

GROWTH GOALS: (Bring Growth Goal Cards or [Print Growth Goal Forms](#) To Pass Out)

- What is a next step in your faith you want to take this trimester of group?
- What progress have you made on your goal so far?