

TALK IT OVER

SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

Note to the Host: Thanks for leading your group and being willing to create community! Remember, this is your group, and you have the freedom to navigate the conversation that best fits your group's dynamic.

ICEBREAKER:

- Assuming you could time travel, would you rather go back in time to meet your ancestors or to the future to meet your descendants?

QUESTIONS:

These questions are based off the sermon that took place on Sunday. In this time, feel free to revisit any of the scripture that was discussed in the message. Answer as many questions as your time allows; don't feel pressed to get through them all.

1. Are there environments in which you find yourself more likely to gossip (work, gym, school, social media, etc.)? Why do you think this is? How can you counter this?
2. Share a time when someone gossiped about you. How did that feel? Did it damage your relationship with that person?
3. Read Proverbs 25:9-10 and unpack it as a group.
4. Are there certain people you often find yourself gossiping about? Is there someone you need to stop talking about and, instead, go talk to? How can you resolve the underlying issue you have with them?
5. Is there a relationship you've damaged by gossiping? Have you tried to contact them and apologize? God can bring restoration into that relationship so pray for each other as you make a plan to address this.
6. Read 1 Timothy 5:13. When we neglect our faith and create distance in our relationship with God, bad habits like gossip can develop and grow in our lives. How would you describe your walk right now? Is there a spiritual habit (Bible reading, prayer, etc.) missing that has allowed gossip to develop in you?
7. Spend time as a group discussing the Small Group Covenant and affirm that what happens in your group will remain confidential. What's said in group, stays in group!

PRAYER:

Please don't stress about the time of prayer, pray however your group feels comfortable. This can either be one person pray, or you can go in a circle and have each person pray a few sentences. Be sure to change it up so your prayer time stays fresh in your group!

- Make sure that everyone has a chance to share.
- Encourage and welcome all praise reports!
- Have someone type your requests up so the group can recall them throughout the week.