



Pastor Vaughn

The Evil of Slandering Another James 4:11 - 12 October 25, 2026

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11 Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge *of it*.

12 There is *only* one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

1. The foundational command: Stop slandering one another

2. The clarification

3. The consequence

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about Koinonia Groups at Heritage Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their discussion, please see Pastor Vaughn or e-mail Vaughn@hcgj.org.

1. In the message, Pastor Vaughn made the point that sins of speech, including slander, are common. Why do you think that is?
2. After listening to today's message, how would you define slander? What are some of its characteristics? Is slander rooted in some other particular sin?
3. Why do you think that people are so prone to slandering others?
4. In the message, Pastor Vaughn said that the devil often tempts us to slander other believers. How can we effectively resist him when he does?
5. Does James's teaching in v.v. 11-12 mean that believers are forbidden to confront obvious sin in the life of a brother or sister in Christ? Why or why not?
6. According to the message, how does a Christian slander God's royal law of love and position himself over it as its judge?
7. Is slandering others a danger for the Christian? In what way or ways?
8. How should we respond when we are slandered?

Here are some resources that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Vaughn cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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