



Everyday Faith Week 9: Dealing With Damaging Speech

James 4:11-12

Discussion Questions:

- Read James 4:10-12.
- Why is it important for our relationships in the church that we view ourselves as “brothers” (used 3x in 4:11) and sisters? How should this affect our speech to and about one another?
- We often think of slander (4:11) as spreading falsehoods about another person. It can also include using the truth damaging ways. What are some ways the truth about someone can be used damagingly?
- Does the command to not judge one another mean we never confront others lovingly when they are in error? Why or why not?
- How might recognizing God’s authority and role as the ultimate Lawgiver and Judge (4:12) help us avoid the kind of harmful speech described in these verses?