

Sermon: *Me & My Big Mouth Week 4: Gossiping*

Scripture: Proverbs 18:8

"Rumors are dainty morsels that sink deep into one's heart." Proverbs 18:8 (NLT)

WHO DOES GOSSIP HURT?

1. GOSSIP HURTS THE PERSON IT'S SPOKEN ABOUT.

"A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends." Proverbs 16:28 (NLT)

2. GOSSIP HURTS THE LISTENER.

"Wrongdoers eagerly listen to gossip; liars pay close attention to slander." Proverbs 17:4 (NLT)

3. GOSSIP HURTS THE SPEAKER.

"When arguing with your neighbor, don't betray another person's secret. Others may accuse you of gossip, and you will never regain your good reputation." Proverbs 25:9-10 (NLT)

HOW TO CONTROL GOSSIP

1. GUARD YOUR EARS

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back." Matthew 18:15 (NLT)

"A gossip goes around telling secrets, so don't hang around with chatterers." Proverbs 20:19 (NLT)

2. CLOSE YOUR MOUTH

"Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble." Proverbs 21:23 (NLT)