

Playing With Fire

No Offense, But...

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Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Sean compared gossip to a wildfire that can quickly spread and destroy. Can you think of a time when you saw gossip escalate and cause harm? What were the consequences?
2. Proverbs 18:8 speaks about the allure of gossip. Why do you think gossip can be so tempting to engage in, especially in a community setting?
3. Read Proverbs 18:21. Recall a time someone said something that made a significant negative impact on you. How long ago was it, and how did it impact your relationship? What lessons can we learn from that situation regarding the words we say?
4. In Ephesians 4:29, we are encouraged to use words that build others up for the benefit of all who listen. How might this perspective shift our approach to conversations about others?
5. The sermon warned about blurring the line between gossip and seeking wisdom. How can we ensure that when we share concerns, we are genuinely seeking wisdom and not just creatively spreading negativity?
6. In Romans 1:29-30, gossip is listed among other sinful behaviors. Why do you think gossip is placed in such close company with more blatant sins, and what does that say about its seriousness?
7. Jesus prayed for unity in John 17:20-21. Take a moment to read His prayer in these verses out loud together.
How does gossip threaten unity in families, workplaces, and churches? What steps can we take to prevent gossip in our small groups, church, and community?

Additional Verses for Discussion:

- John 10:10
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-17
- James 1:26
- Romans 1:29-30
- 2 Corinthians 12:20
- 1 Timothy 5:13