

Weight of Your Words | Gossip 04.23.23

# START TALKING | (Find a conversation starter for your group)

What is your definition of gossip?

## START EXPLORING | (Read the Bible)

Read Luke 6:45.

- What is the source of our words?
- Are you intentional with what you "store up in your heart"?

Read Proverbs 21:23.

- What wisdom is found in this verse?
- How do you guard your tongue?
  - o Do you have any tips or tricks that help you?

#### START SHARING | (Choose a question to create openness)

- Have you ever discovered that someone was gossiping about you?
  - Describe the situation and the emotions that you felt after you found out.
- Can you think of a time you found yourself gossiping or in a conversation where gossip was taking place?
  - What did you do?

#### Start Praying. (Be bold and pray with power)

"Father, thank you for the power of the Gospel. The Gospel defeats my gossipy nature. Forgive me of my sin when I try to put others down to make myself look good. Search my heart. Purify me so that my mouth can glorify You! In Jesus' name, amen."

### Start Doing. (Commit to a step, and live it out this week)

- Is there anyone you have hurt with gossip?
  - How can you make that right this week?