



May Bible Study Series:
Relationship Reset
(Making Everyday Life Easier)



Relationship Reset Series Lesson Five:

My Big Fat Mouth

(How to Deal with Gossip) Part II



"Listening carefully how a person speaks about other people to you. This is how they will speak about you to others."



The Delight in Gossip

Proverbs 26:22, “The words of gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts.”



*The only time that people dislike
gossip...Is when it is about them!!!!*



II Corinthians 12:20

For I am afraid that when I come, I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, slander, gossip, arrogance, and disorder



Gossip Damages in Two Ways:



1. It Betrays - Proverbs 11:13



2. It Separates - Proverbs 16:28



Gossip Causes:



*How Can I Deal
with My Own
Gossip?*



1. Irreparable Damage



2. Irresolvable Division



3. Isolation and Detachment



Ephesians 4:31

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.



*When You Are Ready to
Criticize Someone:*



1. Remember Gods Law of Love



2. *Say Something Good Instead of Criticizing.*



I Peter 2:1

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander (GOSSIP) of every kind.



Titus 3:1-2

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander (gossip about) no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.



Romans 12:3

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.



1. See Gossip as Serious Sin and Confess it to God.



I Peter 4:15

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters



Proverbs 16:27-28

A worthless man digs up evil, while his words are as a scorching fire. A perverse man spreads strife, and a slanderer separates intimate friends.



2. Realize That You Can't Conquer
Gossip in Your Strength.

James 3:7-8



3. Yield Your Tongue to God as An Instrument of Righteousness

Romans 6:12-13



4. Make a Commitment to Build Others In
Christ, Not to Tear them Down.

Ephesians 4:29



5. *Fill Your Life with Meaningful Work.*

I Timothy 5:13-14



6. Examine Your Motives for Sharing Information About Another Person.



7. Refuse To Listen to Those Who
Want to Spread Gossip.

Proverbs 20:19



*How Can I Deal with
Gossip in Others?*



1. What Is Your Reason for Telling Me?



2. Where Did You Get Your Information?



3. Have You Gone to Those Directly Involved?



4. Have You Personally Checked
Out All of The Facts?



5. Can I Quote You If I Check This Out?



*“Gossip dies when it hits a
wise person’s ears.”*

Bible Study Follow Up Chat Questions:



1. What was your greatest takeaway from today's lesson?
2. Share two ways people are damaged by gossip?
3. How can you know when a good story about someone crosses the line into sinful gossip?
4. Are you listening to gossip if you read news articles about the sins of Christian leaders? Why/why not?
5. Is it always wrong to share your negative impressions about a person to a third party? When might it be, O.K.?
6. List ways you can deal with your own gossip.
7. List ways you can deal with gossip in others.