QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you or someone close to you

 was the victim of gossip. How did you respond to the accusations?

2. What is it about gossip or slander that makes a person feel good

 about sharing bad things about other people?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about

 slander:

 a) Exodus 20:16

b) Exodus 23:1

c) Proverbs 10:18

d)Proverbs 16:28

e) Luke 6:45

f) Ephesians 4:31-32

g) I Peter 2:1

4. How does what we think about ourselves affect the way we think

 about others?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to do something good for another believer with whom I have a strained relationship.
* I am going to seek reconciliation with another person, or seek to reconcile to other people who are distant from each other.
* I am going to memorize I Peter 2:1.

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James 4:11-12 Study Series #10

***A Warning Against Slandering Others***

**I. Introduction**

 A. Winston Churchill Answers His Critics

 B. The Seven Deadly Sins

 (See Proverbs 22:1; cf. Ecclesiastes 7:1)

 C. The Seriousness of Slander

 (See Leviticus 19:16; Psalm 15:3; Psalm 50:19-20;

 Jeremiah 6:28; Jeremiah 9:4; Matthew 15:19-20;

 II Corinthians 12:20; Ephesians 4:31; Colossians 3:8;

 I Peter 2:1; I Kings 21:1-16; Leviticus 25:23; Numbers 36:7;

 Esther 3:1-15; II Samuel 10:1-19; Genesis 3:1; Genesis 3:5;

 Proverbs 6:16-19; Psalm 52:1-5)

**II. Slandering Others**

 A. What We Think of Others

 (See James 4:11; Ephesians 4:29; Matthew 18:15-17;

 Revelation 13:8; John 3:16; Isaiah 43:4)

 B. What We Think of the Law

 (See James 4:11; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:39; Mark 12:31;

 Matthew 7:2; Mark 11:25-26; Matthew 18:21-35)

 C. What We Think of God

 (See James 4:12; Isaiah 33:22; Ezekiel 28:15; Isaiah 14:13-14;

 Psalm 51:4; II Samuel 12:9; Matthew 1:21; Luke 19:10;

 Romans 1:16; Hebrews 7:25; Deuteronomy 32:39;

 I Samuel 2:6; II Kings 5:7; Psalm 68:20; Matthew 10:28;

 Matthew 25:46; II Thessalonians 1:9)

D. What We Think of Ourselves

 (See James 4:12; Romans 12:3; Romans 14:4)

**III. Conclusion**

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

James 4:11-12

**11**Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge *of it*.

**12**There is *only* one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

Hamlet warned Ophelia, *“Be thou as chaste as ice, as pure as snow, thou shalt not escape slander.”* (Shakespeare, Hamlet, act 3, scene 1)

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