

MY BIG FAT MOUTH

WEEK 3 // GOSSIP

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Our words create the quality of our life and the lives of those around us.

The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences. *Proverbs 18:21*

Gossip: Unproductive talk about the personal or private affairs of others.

What is gossip?

Idle talk
Malicious talk
Slander

Schadenfreude: The experience of pleasure, joy or self-satisfaction that comes from learning or witnessing troubles, failures or the humiliation of another.

The words of gossip are like tasty bits of food; people like to gobble them up. *Proverbs 26:22*

Why do we gossip?

E mbarrassment
A nger
C hange -Adverse
H urt

Ahab went home angry and upset, because he did not like what Naboth from Jezreel had said. [Naboth had said, “I will not give you my family’s land.”] Ahab lay down on his bed, turned his face to the wall, and refused to eat. *1 Kings 21:4*

Then the leaders sent a message to Jezebel saying, “Naboth has been killed.” When Jezebel heard that Naboth had been killed, she told Ahab, “Naboth of Jezreel is dead. Now you may go and take for yourself the vineyard he would not sell to you.” When Ahab heard that Naboth of Jezebel was dead,

he got up and went to the vineyard to take it for his own. *1 Kings 21:14-16*

There is always a cost to gossip.

How do we stop the gossip?

A dmit your struggle
C heck yourself

Fire goes out without wood, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops. *Proverbs 26:20*

Lord, help me control my tongue; help me to be careful about what I say. *Psalms 141:3*

E ngage in encouragement

The right word at the right time is like a custom-made piece of jewelry... *Proverbs 25:11*

Self-Reflection

My action step is _____

_____.

I will encourage and pray for _____ to follow
through, and their action step is _____

_____.

My memory verse is _____

_____.

This coming week, I’m praying for _____

_____.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Full list of events and registration is available at eclife.org’s EVENTS page

Small Group Launch

Small groups allow us to connect to God’s word and one another. They are made up of about 10-14 people who meet together once a week over the course of a 10-week semester. Our fall semester begins August 18. Registration opens July 27.

Registration is required.

VERB

Designed to help 7th-12th grade students connect with God and with one another, each month’s VERB focuses on a different theme that will help students grow in their relationship with Jesus. Students will experience a friendly, welcoming environment that is both fun and encouraging.

When: Sunday, July 21, 6:00pm

Where: Greenwood Campus E-Café & Auditorium

The 1824

Join us for an environment created specifically for young adults: 18* to 24 years old. Each month, we gather for worship, teaching, and a chance to chat with others facing similar unique life experiences.

When: Thursday, July 25, 7:00pm

Where: Greenwood Campus Fieldhouse

**18-year-old attendees must be graduated seniors.*

Baptism

Registration is open for our next Baptism services. Baptism is a public acknowledgment of our faith in Jesus Christ, as well as declaration of our intent to follow him in every area of our lives. If you have never been baptized after coming to Christ, this may be your next step!

When: August 10 & 11

Registration Deadline: August 1

Registration is required.