

The Deceit of a Slanderous Tongue

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1. Slander breaks God's law

2. Slander takes God's place

3. Slander deceives

Discussion Questions:

1. Slander breaks God’s command to love your neighbor as yourself. Why is slander a failure to love?
2. Evil speaking is judgmental. And yet there are other passages that command Christians to judge rightly. What is right and wrong judgment for a Christian to make?
3. Why is slander a sin that religious people are especially prone to?
4. In what contexts are you likely to “speak evil” against someone? How can you avoid speaking evil and instead honor others?

Next Steps:

1. If you are a visitor with us, we would love to connect with you. Please fill out a Connection Card and turn it at the Welcome Center. We would like to give you a gift as a thank you for joining us.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pjpickens@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

December 2023			
(Two Year Reading Plan, Month 24)			
Week 1 Starting Dec 4	Week 2 Starting Dec 11	Week 3 Starting Dec 18	Week 4 Starting Dec 25
Day 1: Hebrews 4-6	Day 1: James 4-5	Day 1: 1 John 3-5	Day 1: Revelation 10-12
Day 2: Hebrews 7-8	Day 2: 1 Peter 1-2	Day 2: 2 John; 3 John	Day 2: Revelation 13-15
Day 3: Hebrews 9-10	Day 3: 1 Peter 3-5	Day 3: Revelation 1-3	Day 3: Revelation 16-17
Day 4: Hebrews 11-13	Day 4: 2 Peter 1-3, Jude	Day 4: Revelation 4-6	Day 4: Revelation 18-20
Day 5: James 1-3	Day 5: 1 John 1-2	Day 5: Revelation 7-9	Day 5: Revelation 21-22
<p>⁶But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”</p> <p>⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">James 4:6-8 (NIV)</p>			

What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?