

## Reflection & Discussion Questions

## **Gossip – Proverbs 13:17**

1. Write out Proverbs 13:17 in both the New King James and from the Message Bible.
2. What are the duties of an ambassador?
3. 1 John 4:8 tells us that God is love. How do we reconcile that with Proverbs 6:16-19?
4. Of the things listed in Proverbs 6:16-19 that God hates, how many, and how can you commit them with your mouth?
5. Read John 8:44. If we repeat, repost, or believe something before we know it to be true, who is reflected in our life?
  - ° What are some practical rules we can put into place to guard against passing on or accepting false reports?
6. What are the parallels between gossip and leprosy?

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7. List some ways that gossip harms: the teller, the hearer, and the one being slandered.
8. Read Matthew 22:37-39; John 13:34-35; and Romans 12:9-10. How can we use our mouth in a way that fulfills these commandments?
  - How can we use our mouth in a way that breaks these commandments?
9. Read James 3:7-10. How can we have any hope of taming our tongue?
10. Over the course of our studies this year, what have you learned or been reminded of about the power of our words?
11. Give examples of when it is necessary to share information about someone that would not be considered commendable towards them.
  - What should our motivation and attitude be if we are called on to do this?
12. Spend time meditating on these two verses: Psalm 141:3 and Psalm 19:14