

# Worship with us in the Word

7 Deadly Sins of Small Town America

#4 – Gossip – Lets talk about it

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## What are we talking about:

Gossip is sharing *unhelpful, unnecessary, and/or untrue* information about someone who is not present.

**Why we do it:** Gossip is enjoyable. - Proverbs 18:8

**What happens when we do it:** Gossip is destructive. – Proverbs 16:28; 17:9

It can hurt...

- The victim
- The listener
- The speaker

**How we can stop it:** Gossip must be extinguished. – Proverbs 26:20

- Your responsibility if the speaker
  - Speak only to the right person – Proverbs 25:9-10
  - Speak only the right things - Ephesians 4:29
- Your responsibility if the listener
  - Redirect the conversation in the moment.
  - Follow up using a private conversation with the one who gossiped
    - With a spirit of gentleness & humility – Galatians 6:1
    - By implementing “the 24-hour” rule for the one who gossiped