

Sermon-Based Discussion Questions
March 3rd, 2019

Ice Breaker Questions:

Where are some places that you would consider “Quiet Zones” ...places that you need to be quiet in life? (Examples: Hospital, library, golf tournament, etc.)

QUIET:

On February 10th we started a new series called *QUIET* and Doug asked: “**What if being QUIET actually speaks the loudest?**”

This week, Doug made the case that: ***we need to be QUIET in areas of gossip, slander, and untruth. These are QUIET ZONES for followers of Jesus.***

Why do you think this is this such a problem in our world? Why do you think there is so much talking ABOUT people in ways that could be considered gossip, slander, and untruth?

READ: Have people in the group read the following verses out loud one passage at a time and then pause to allow the group to discuss what the passage might mean in regard to our need for quiet zones and being quiet in areas of gossip, slander, and untruth:

Proverbs 11:13 *A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.*

Proverbs 16:28 *A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.*

Proverbs 18:8 *The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts.*

Proverbs 26:20 *Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down.*

1 Peter 2:1 *Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.*

Let’s look at 2 passages a little deeper that could help us these QUIET ZONES...

**It would be helpful for everyone to have the passage available in their Bible or on their phone*

READ: Ephesians 4:14-32

What are your observations about this passage?

What are your applications from this passage?

TS: Jesus taught this truth about our need to talk TO people rather than ABOUT people...

Matthew 18:15-16 *If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along...*

What are your observations about this passage?

What are your applications from this passage?

Putting It In To Action:

What is a specific way you will try to live this out this week in your life?

How does this apply to our small group?

Closing Challenge: Give the following 3 challenges to your group...

Challenge #1 - Practice being QUIET in areas of gossip, slander, and untruth.

Challenge #2 - Resolve conflict by talking TO people directly and not ABOUT people and encourage others to do the same.

Challenge #3 - Think and Pray before you speak, and Use Ephesians 4:29 as a filter for your words:

Ephesians 4:29 *“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”*

CLOSING PRAYER: Have people share prayer requests for this week and spend some time praying for each other. Challenge everyone to pray for each other throughout the week.