

"Starving the Rumor Mill"
Nehemiah 6:5-9

Ice Breaker:

- What was the most outlandish rumor you remember hearing in your childhood? College years?

Read: Nehemiah 6:5-9

1. Describe a time when you were the target of gossip, rumor, slander.
 - A. How did it impact you?
 - B. How did you respond?
 - C. Would you respond any differently now?
2. What can we learn from Nehemiah that will help us respond well when people speak false things about us?
3. When and where are you most likely to be fed gossip/slander/rumor? What is your pre-planned response?
4. Has the Evil One whispered lies/slander into your ears about yourself? What lies do I believe about God that are not true? What lies do I believe about myself that are not true?
5. How will the prayer at the end of v.9 help us?

Pray with each other:

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Have you ever become the target of a false rumor or slicing verbal slander? What does it look like and how are we to respond?

1. Slicing up Slander

2. Responding to Rumors
 - a. You're the target?
 - b. Tempted to pass along?
 - c. Have a legitimate concern?

Next Step:

Think about the place where you are most likely to get an ear full of rumors. (Got it?) Ok, now pre-decide, right now, what your specific response will be when you can see it coming.

Perhaps you have a legitimate concern at work, at church or with a friend. Instead of spinning up the rumor mills with your best friends, pray about how you will present your fears to this person, this boss or leader, in a way that is loving and has their best interests in mind. What would that look like?