

Morning Lesson

DO WE TALK WITH PEOPLE OR ABOUT PEOPLE?

1 Pet. 1:22-2:2

INTRO:

1. Our speech, like all of life, should be motivated by love. **Eph. 4:15; 1 Pet. 1:22; Matt. 22:37-39**
2. Love seeks the highest good of its object.
3. What is best for God and our neighbors when it comes to speech?

I. WHAT MIGHT TALKING ABOUT OTHERS ACCOMPLISH?

- A. If we are telling folks about the good qualities of another then that is positive.
- B. If we aren't extolling their strengths, but are sharing our negative views, what happens?
 1. It reveals perhaps more about our hearts than we reveal about the person being discussed. **Matt. 12:35-37; Luke 6:45**
 2. We are not seeking what God desires. **1 Pet. 2:1; 3:8-10; James 4:11; Matt. 18:15**
- C. It can put me in the camp of the devil. **Rev. 12:10**

II. WHAT MIGHT TALKING WITH OTHERS ACCOMPLISH?

- A. It is loving God, myself, and my neighbor because it is what God wants. **Eph. 4:17-32**
- B. I can become an encourager that is known for building up others. **Acts 4:36**
- C. I can actually help someone when I talk with them and that is what love wants to do. **Eph. 4:29**

CONC:

1. Much more can be found in scripture.
2. Let's learn what God means when he says to love him, ourselves, and others and then act accordingly in all areas, including speech.