Part 1: "Let's Start Repairing"

Introduction

We each have a reputation—what we're known for and what people believe about us. Our reputations matter because they impact how much people trust us and how much they engage with us. But it's even bigger than that, because when you represent something bigger than you, your reputation's impact goes beyond you. How people see the church—and, by extension, Jesus—is often a function of how they see those who claim to follow Jesus. We have an opportunity to help repair that reputation.

Discussion Questions

1. What person or organization stands out to you because of their reputation? What are they known for?
2. What do you think your reputation was in high school? Was it an accurate depiction of you? How did your reputation impact your influence and opportunities?
3. In the message, Samer said, "When you represent something bigger than you, your reputation's impact goes beyond you." How have you observed this?
4. How have your experiences with the church either confirmed or challenged the reputation of the church in our culture?
5. Read Proverbs 3:3–4. How can we begin to repair the reputation of the local church?
6. What would it look like for you to live out and model love and faithfulness? What is a practical step you can take this week that could help repair the reputation of Jesus and the church at the micro level?

Changing Your Mind

Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will win favor and a good name
In the sight of God and man.
Proverbs 3:3–4

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