

# Conversation Guide

## Bullying pt. 2

### Part 2 summary

- Words have incredible power. Through words, we can create, destroy, bring pleasure, or cause pain.
- One of the ways we use our words to gain power over others is by reducing them to a label, sometimes a degrading one.
- When we attack others through gossip or bullying, we are actually waging war on God Himself because the people we are attacking are made in His image.

1. Pain and Significance
2. **Attacking the Image**
3. Revenge
4. Rehabilitation

### Discussion questions

**01** Do you agree that words are as powerful as we have said? Explain.

**02** Have you ever seen someone label other people in order to gain power over them?

**03** Do you usually see your interactions with others as interactions that affect God Himself? Why or why not?

### Diving deeper

**James 3: 9-10** says that with our tongues “we bless our Lord and Father, and...curse people who are made in the likeness of God.” According to James, the fact that we bless God and curse people bearing His image is completely unnatural. Why is it so easy to use our words as weapons against people God loves? What might you do to help yourself remember that all people are God's image-bearers and deserve kindness and respect?