

Conversation Guide

Bullying pt. 1

Part 1 summary

- Technology gives us more efficient ways to hurt each other through gossip or bullying while thinking there are no consequences for our actions.
- It's important to recognize that those who bully are hurt and broken people who are looking for significance.
- Bystanders reinforce bullying when they do nothing, but also have great power to make it stop if they choose to act.

1. Pain and Significance

2. Attacking the Image

3. Revenge

4. Rehabilitation

Discussion questions

01 Do you agree that technology makes it easier for us to bully and gossip about each other? What are some examples?

02 How can knowing someone's backstory help us have more compassion for their offensive behavior?

03 Why is it so hard to go against a crowd of people?

Diving deeper

2 Cor. 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." If we have trusted in Christ, He has given us a new identity. What are some of "old" ways we find our identities apart from Christ? When people bully or gossip, where do you think they are finding their identities and self-worth? How does finding our identity in Christ set us free to live differently?