

# Discussion Questions

## 5-6 Grade



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### Bottom Line

Choose words that help others, not words that hurt others.

### Scripture

Ephesians 4:29; Mark 7:15

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### Icebreaker

What's an example of something a middle schooler might have a really strong opinion about?

### Discussion

1. In your own words, how would you define gossip?
2. On a scale of 1 to 10, how often do you hear gossip? (*1 being never and 10 being all the time*)
3. What's one example of something a 5-6 grader might gossip about?
4. Why do you think people gossip or talk bad about people behind their backs?
5. Fill in the blank: When someone gossips about me, I feel \_\_\_\_\_.
6. When it comes to gossip, do you think most 5-6 graders believe they have a choice to participate or not? Why?
7. If you've said something hurtful in the past, what's one step you can take to make it right going forward?
8. How do you think your school might be different if people only spoke helpful words rather than hurtful words?

### Activity

Use the provided scenario cards to help your student(s) practice how they'll respond when they're tempted to gossip. Read each scenario aloud to the group and brainstorm together what students could do or say in those situations to avoid talking negatively about others.