

Discussion Questions and Comments for Bully

If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, don't hesitate to reach out for help. Call or text 988 to talk with someone about your situation.

If you want someone to pray with you, call the National Prayer Center Prayer Line at (800) 477-2937.

- Have you ever been jealous of something someone else had?
 - What did you do about it?
- What do you look for in someone you'd like to date?
- Why do you think David and Kelly finally got fed up with Kati's actions?
 - Should they have said something sooner?
- A lot of Kati's bullying was built on lies. Do you think it's right to lie to get what you want?

Discussion Questions and Comments for Bully - Cont'd

- What did you think of Kati's reaction to being confronted by Ms. Selig?
- After hearing what Kati's family life is like, what do you think of Kati's behavior now?

Slander is telling lies about someone to tarnish their reputation. That's exactly what Kati was doing to Alexis. God has some harsh words for those who slander others. Psalm 101:5, Proverbs 19:5, Exodus 20:16, and Proverbs 6:16-19 are a few examples. A wicked queen in the Bible used slander to take something from someone else just because her husband wanted it. It did not end well for them. Read 1 Kings 21 to find out the whole story.

When Kati was confronted by Ms. Selig, Kati tried to deny her actions, excuse them, and make light of them. Kati's actions cost her a college recommendation and friends. It is important how we react when we are faced with our sin. We can either try

Discussion Questions and Comments for Bully - Cont'd

to transfer the blame to someone else and say it's not a big deal, or we can own up to it, confess our guilt, learn from it, and make it right. Check out 1 Samuel 15 and 2 Samuel 12 to read examples of two different people who responded in two different ways to their sin.

Bullying comes in different forms. Kati may not have physically abused Alexis, but she did abuse Alexis with her words. Words have the power to either help or hurt (see Proverbs 18:21, James 3:5 and Ephesians 4:29). This is true in person and online.

Regardless of the means of communication, remember to think and pray before you say or post something.

One principle in the Bible that can help guide how you treat others is Matthew 7:12. You may know it as the Golden Rule. It says, "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do

Discussion Questions and Comments for Bully - Cont'd

also to them..." Now, treating others with kindness and respect does not guarantee you'll be treated the same way; treat them kindly anyway. It isn't about you getting something out of being nice; it is about learning how to imitate Jesus. Read the Bible to know who He is and how He treated others. You see, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)