

TEN COMMANDMENTS 8

DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS

RELATE

Have you ever had a friend gossip about you? How did it feel? Do you talk about others when they aren't there? How do we convince ourselves that it's OK to share personal information about someone with someone else?

READ AND REFLECT

Read the Bible passage, then answer the following questions about each reading.

1 Samuel 19:1-7

- How did Jonathan look out for David?
- What apparent basis did Saul have for wanting David killed?
- What was the result of Jonathan's words to his father? How do you think Jonathan felt as he confronted his father about David?

Mark 14:3-9

- What did the people at the house think about the woman's actions?
- How does Jesus respond to their comments?
- What was so special about the woman's actions that merit Jesus' words in verse 9?

RESPOND

Choose one of the following resolutions to keep until the next class:

- Ask someone who is gossiping around you to stop.
- Stand up for someone who is getting picked on by others.
- Look for opportunities to say positive things about someone to others.

