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Discuss why you gave it the rating you did.

Without using names, give any examples of what you have seen or experienced in regards to this kind of behavior.

Discuss what you think it would take to remove this from:

- Your school
- Our church
- The internet
- Teams and organizations you are involved in
- Other

Discuss what you can personally do to make sure you aren't treating anyone this way.

Do you need to mend a relationship where you have not been treating someone like you should?

Discuss what you can do (if anything) if you are the one being mistreated, bullied, excluded, etc.

Discuss what you can do (if anything) if you witness someone being mistreated, bullied, excluded, etc.

Is there a situation you are in or see going on around you that you feel needs to be dealt with soon?

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