

## A Bad Small Group (3-5 min)

**Objective:** To demonstrate to Velocity students things we do not want to happen in a small group. To give the students a good visual that they will remember throughout the year, as well as grab their attention at the beginning of the session.

Remember- we want to grab their attention and make them remember this. It's okay to make it humorous and to exaggerate things!

**You don't have to follow this script exactly...feel free to ad lib, just stick to this general guide:**

*Small group is not sitting in a circle, students are facing in different directions. Throughout the small group time, the students with non-speaking parts may pay attention every now and then but may be distracted doing homework or doodling.*

**Small group leader:** Okay...I think we're supposed to answer questions now.

*Long pause.*

**Small group leader:** Oh here's the questions. Um...it says, "Who would you trust more, someone who gossips or someone who lies?"

**Student #1:** I'd say neither. I wouldn't trust someone who gossips or someone who lies.

**Student #2:** I don't think that's what the question meant, moron. You have to choose one.

*Small group leader and other students laugh.*

**Small group leader:** Okay, next question. "Why do you think it's hard to trust someone who lies or gossips." Oh I know the answer to this one- it's hard to trust them because if they lie you will never know if they are telling you the truth or not...and if they gossip well then they probably gossip about you. That's what I think. Next question. "Do you think it's easy to bully, gossip, or lie about someone?"

**Student #1:** yes.

**Small group leader:** Anyone else?

**Student #3:** Yeah.

*Other students nod their heads.*

**Small group leader:** Okay, next question. "Do you think"...wait, no. I don't like that question. Hmm. Let me find a better one. Okay here's one. "What should you do if someone you know is being a bully, gossip or a cheat?"

**Student #1:** If they are your friend, I think you should talk to them about it. Tell them that you don't like what they are doing. I think you should tell them that it is wrong and why it is wrong. I also think that if they are not your friend—you know like someone you don't know very well—I think you should maybe tell an adult about it.

**Student #3:** I think—

**Small group leader:** (*cutting off student #3*) I also think that you shouldn't talk about that person even if they are bullying, gossiping or cheating. Because once you begin to talk about that person you are becoming a gossip too. That's a good answer. Oh yea- we were supposed to write that down. Will you write that down (*talking to student #1*), what's your name?

**End of skit**