

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:

SERVICE

DEFINITION:

Seeing a need and meeting it out of a heart for God

MEMORY VERSE:

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." **Mark 10:45**

FINISH LINE:

Service is a matter of the heart

READ: LUKE 10:38-42; MATTHEW 6:1-4

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

(OBSERVATION)

1. What are some differences you see between the sisters, Martha and Mary? What were they doing? (*Martha was busy doing stuff, and Mary was listening to Jesus teach.*)
2. What did Martha tell Jesus to do? (*She wanted Him to tell Mary to get up and help her.*)
3. How did Jesus respond to Martha? Was He angry, upset, kind? (*He was kind and loving towards her. He reminded her what was most important.*)
4. **Read Matthew 6:1-4.** How do hypocrites serve the needy? (*They make sure everyone knows about it.*)
5. How does Jesus want us to serve? (*He wants us to serve in secret and not try to get anything out of it for ourselves.*)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

(INTERPRETATION)

1. Why do you think Jesus said that what Mary chose was better than what Martha was doing? (*Mary knew Jesus was the most important thing, and she wanted to be with Him. Martha was worried about getting stuff done and what Mary was not doing. Martha was missing out on time with Jesus.*)
2. What was the difference between Mary and Martha's hearts? (*Mary's heart wanted to honor Jesus, but Martha's heart was upset about everything she had to do.*)
3. When we make sure people know how we are serving, who is getting all the attention and glory? (*We are.*) Who SHOULD be getting the glory? (*All glory belongs to God.*)

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

(APPLICATION)

1. Have you ever been like Martha with your brother or sister? Maybe you said something like, "Mom, he is not helping me!" or "Dad, can you make her do it with me?" How might you be serving with the wrong heart in these situations?
2. What are some questions you could you ask yourself to see if you are serving with the right heart? (*You can ask yourself questions like: "Will I be okay if no one notices what I did?" or "Is what I am doing honoring God or am I trying to get the attention?" or "Why do I want to serve in this way?"*)