

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:

DILIGENCE

DEFINITION:

Consistently working with all my heart to bring glory to God

MEMORY VERSE:

“So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.” **1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**

FINISH LINE:

God gives us what we need to do His work

READ: ACTS 1:8; 2:1-12, 41; 2 PETER 1:3

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

(OBSERVATION)

1. What gift was Jesus going to give after He returned to heaven? *(The Holy Spirit)*
2. Read Acts 1:8. What were the disciples supposed to do after they received the Holy Spirit? *(Tell others about Jesus in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the rest of the world.)*
3. Which locations are mentioned in Acts 2:8-11? Google “Pentecost map” and look at where all of the visitors to Jerusalem came from.
4. What did the visitors do when they heard the believers speaking in their languages? *(They were amazed and wanted to know what was going on.)*
5. Look at verse 2:41. How many people were saved by putting their trust in Jesus as their Savior? *(About 3,000!)*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

(INTERPRETATION)

1. Did Jesus expect or even want the disciples to do the work on their own? *(No. That is why God was going to send them the gift of the Holy Spirit.)*
2. How did the Holy Spirit give Peter what he needed to be diligent in the work Jesus called him to do? *(The Holy Spirit gave Peter the right words to say, the ability to speak to people in their own language, and the courage to boldly share about Jesus.)*
3. What do you think these new believers did when they went back to their own homes? *(Many told their friends and family what they heard from the believers about Jesus.)*

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

(APPLICATION)

1. Second Peter 1:3 tells us that God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. What are some ways you can live a godly life? *(Examples: Obey your parents, love your brothers and sisters, share the Gospel, encourage others, etc.)*
2. How can God help you do His work? *(He can give us patience when we are with others, self-control to obey our parents, and even the words to say when we are sharing the Gospel. God want to help us when we ask.)*