

Discussion Ideas



Choose strategies from the list below to facilitate group discussion.

Connecting Activity

Ask group members to describe someone they know who has strong character. Ask them to share specific words that describe these people (for example, kind, honest, loving, etc.).

Discussion Questions

1. What words would you use to describe Master K's character?
 - *Proud, unkind, disrespectful, self-disciplined, hard working, etc.*
2. What words would you use to describe the character of Bahati's grandfather?
 - *Kind, loving, honest, humble, hard working, etc.*
3. Compare the lives of Master K and Bahati's grandfather. Who is the better model for Bahati? Why?
 - *Bahati's grandfather; he made choices to treat others the way he wanted to be treated.*
4. Grandma says, "A person of character does the right thing even when no one is watching". How does Bahati show good character?
 - *He helps Mrs. Smith.*
5. ► Which character traits do you think are your strongest? Which do you need to grow in?
 - *Review the list of character traits from Appendix B to get the discussion going.*
6. ► What things in your life can make it hard to make good choices, choices that show good character?
 - *Peer pressure, lack of role models, lack of self-confidence, etc.*

Personal Growth Activity

Interview an adult you know with good character. Ask him or her how they have learnt and developed the character traits you see in their life.

☞ Spiritual Application

Read Galatians 5:22-23. Then ask: What does a life directed by God’s Spirit look like? What choices make this life possible for you? (Consider using this as an opportunity to talk about ways to grow spiritually through Scripture, prayer, relationships with other believers, etc.)

☞ Prayer Point

Lead the group in a prayer asking God to fill them with the fruit of his Spirit. Ask God to give them courage to make good choices and to develop good character.

☞ Encouragement

Remind group members that having good character isn’t about being perfect. It’s simply about making good choices, one choice at a time. You may want to invite someone you know who has good character and let the group interview him or her. Consider reading part of Grandma’s Wisdom to close the group time.

Grandma’s Wisdom

Bahati learnt a lesson about character that day. He learnt about the poor character of Master K, and he learnt about the good character of his grandfather. And in the end he chose based on good character. I hope you will make that same choice. Nobody is perfect and even though Bahati will try to always make the right choices, he will make mistakes sometimes because that is part of being human. But the most important thing is that we try. Most people do not think these things are important, and they laugh at people who choose good character. It takes courage to treat people kindly and fairly. It takes courage to do what’s right. What kind of person do YOU want to be like?

