

Discussion Ideas



Choose strategies from the list below to facilitate group discussion.

Connecting Activity

Share about a time when someone showed you empathy or kindness. How did their act of kindness make you feel?

Discussion Questions

1. How has AIDS affected Joseph and his family?
 - *Joseph has become weak and withdrawn, unable to care for his family and home; they are isolated.*
2. How do Juma and Bahati show kindness and empathy to Joseph's family?
 - *Review the definitions of kindness and empathy; examples include their work and their compassion toward Joseph and his family.*
3. Why did Juma spend the day working around Joseph's home before he shared the gospel with Joseph?
 - *Juma was demonstrating his love and God's love to Joseph through his actions.*
4. ▶ What message does Juma share with Joseph?
 - *Juma shares the gospel; review the gospel with the group.*
5. ▶ How does God feel about people with AIDS?
 - *Emphasize the love of God toward all people.*
6. ▶ How can you show and tell others about God's love for them?
 - *Discuss specific examples of serving others; encourage members to share how they have experienced God's love with others.*

Personal Growth Activity

Write your answer to this question: How has God shown you His love?

☞ Spiritual Application

Read John 3:16. Then ask: Based on this verse, how does God show you His kindness? What does this verse mean to you?

☞ Prayer Point

Ask those who want to pray to receive Jesus as their Savior to raise their hands to indicate their decision. Then ask the group to pray together. You can use the prayer in Grandma's Wisdom as a model.

☞ Encouragement

Consider asking one or two people in the group who have received Jesus as their Lord to share their testimonies. Assure those who prayed for the first time that God has welcomed them into his family. They are now sons and daughters of the King.

Grandma's Wisdom

Children, God loves you. There is nothing you could ever do that God will not forgive. You can talk to God, even right now. Would you like to pray with me? He will hear you wherever you are. Dear God, I believe that you sent your Son Jesus because you love me. I ask you to forgive me and I am ready to give my life to you. Thank you for loving me, forgiving me, and promising me the gift of eternal life. Amen. Children, it takes courage to admit that we need help. Remember, God is always there and you can talk to him any time.

