

Discussion Ideas



Choose strategies from the list below to facilitate group discussion.

Connecting Activity

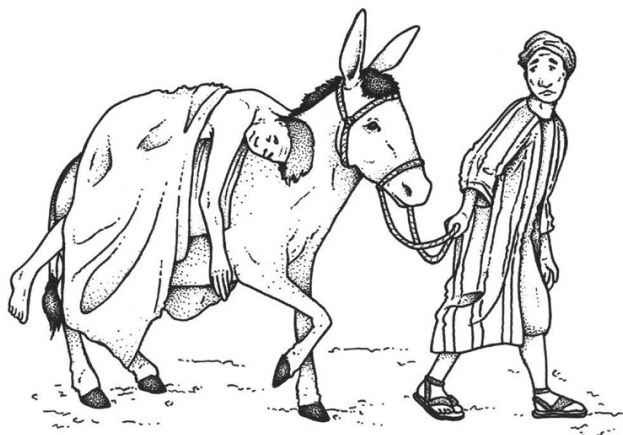
Ask each group member to answer this question: What communities or groups are you a part of?

Discussion Questions

1. How does Riziki serve patients at the hospice? How does Bahati serve patients at the hospice?
 - ◆ *Riziki talks with patients; Bahati works.*
2. Who do you think helps the most—Riziki or Bahati? Why?
 - ◆ *Both are important, both are needed.*
3. What would happen if everyone served like Riziki, or if everyone served like Bahati? Why are both ways of serving important?
 - ◆ *People need both relationship and practical help. One would not be complete without the other.*
4. ▶ Why do you think Riziki and Bahati decide to give their day to serve others?
 - ◆ *They have empathy for those who are sick; they want to help make others' lives better.*
5. ▶ Who in your community is affected by HIV/AIDS and needs help?
 - ◆ *Brainstorm as a group about ways you can help others. Visit; collect needed food, supplies; help clean. Think about how you can help someone with HIV/AIDS, a family caring for someone with HIV/AIDS, or children orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. Consider their emotional, social, and physical needs.*
6. ▶ Thinking about all the ideas you've talked about as a group, and thinking about your own unique style of serving, which opportunity is the best fit for you?
 - ◆ *Ideas and answers will vary.*

Personal Growth Activity

What is your own unique style of serving?
Talk with an adult you respect about how your strengths in serving might help others in your community.



☞ Spiritual Application

Read Matthew 5:14-16. Then ask: What are the rewards for good works? Why is it important to serve others?

☞ Prayer Point

Lead the group in a prayer thanking God for the unique gifts of each person present. Ask God to show each person how He's made them and how they can use their gifts to serve others.

☞ Encouragement

Challenge participants to be someone in the community who makes a difference by caring for others. Point to Jesus, sharing specific examples of compassion and service from his life. Point out examples of real people, especially if they are in your group, who are making a difference in your community.

Grandma's Wisdom

There are many different ways to show love and compassion. We are all made differently. We have our own talents and our own special way of interacting with people. It is a good thing! We need balance in a caring community. If everyone will do their best at what they know how to do, life will be better for all of us. I'm proud of Riziki and Bahati. They've helped strangers when they didn't have to, when there were more "fun" things to do. Now Bahati's even taking on responsibility because he wants to! It takes courage to help people who are in need. It might seem scary at first, but if you have the courage to begin, you will find you can really make a difference in people's lives.

