



Wondering about Service Learning A Five-Minute Devotion

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SESSION DESCRIPTION

Service learning moves service projects and mission trips from one-time events to experiences that open minds and hearts to new ways of thinking and acting. For example, youth might ponder tough questions about poverty in your hometown, notice the incredible artistry within God's creation, or glimpse the wisdom of a senior citizen in a simple conversation. By emphasizing adequate preparation, intentional reflection, and sharing stories with others, service experiences can be brought to life in profound, astonishing ways.

BIBLICAL FOCUS

James 2:14-18

MATERIALS NEEDED

Bible

DEVOTION PLAN

Starting the conversation: Explore the role of service and mission experiences and the powerful impact they can have on youth.

Ask participants to find a partner and spend 3-4 minutes discussing the following two questions:

- What impact can service experiences have on youth?
- What role might service and mission experiences play in “opening up” important topics and issues relevant in their lives and in today's world?

Close in Prayer



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