

Scenario 1

Youth are planning to serve at a food pantry with their youth group but have to wake up early on a Saturday morning to do it. Some of the youth decide to get up and serve for the morning and others do not. What are some of the reasons that the ones who choose to serve make that decision? What are some of the reasons that the ones who choose not to serve make that decision? In general, how do you make the decision of when and where to serve people in need?

Scenario 2

Your friend, Sara, is sick and in the hospital. She has recently been diagnosed with a severe illness. There is not much to do in the hospital, and Sara really enjoys visitors. However, you are nervous about visiting her because she is receiving treatments that make her tired and that make her hair fall out. She will not look like or act like the Sara that you know. How should you respond in this situation? What are the things that would keep you from visiting? What are the things that would motivate you to visit?

Scenario 3

Your youth group is planning to visit members of your church that live in a retirement home. Many of the youth really do not like to visit the retirement home and are very uncomfortable around the elderly. What should the youth do? Is discomfort a reason not to serve?

Scenario 4

You have a friend at school that is going through a really hard time. His mom and dad are getting a divorce and he has been having problems at school. You have noticed that he seems very

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removed and is distancing himself from his friends. How should you respond? If you help this friend, is that considered service?

Scenario 5

You have the opportunity to go with a friend to the beach for a week. However, during that same week you have a chance to go on a mission trip with youth from churches around your area. You do not know which to do. How do you make this decision? Is it wrong to choose the beach over the mission trip, or are there times when that is an appropriate decision?