

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION? Michael Jr.

Focus Everyone has a gift to deliver. If you decide to ask “What can I give?” rather than “What can I receive?” not only would needs be met, but your entire perspective would change. When we are prepared for opportunities to give, we may be surprised by the amazing things that happen.

Fun What was the funniest joke you ever heard?

Review Michael Jr. told several stories about people being willing to give to others as the opportunity arose, such as the special needs nurse offering her time to a couple who needed reliable care for their child, as well as the little boy in the Spider-Man costume who received a book from Michael Jr. along with confidence in his own identity. He also told a story about the teacher who adopted one of her students because she changed her perspective from *getting* from others to *giving* to others.

Michael Jr. said he changed his perspective from “How can I get laughs from my audience?” to “How can I give laughs to my audience?” and it made all the difference in his life and the lives of those he performed for. The gift was the same, but the method of delivery changed how the gift was received.

When we change our question, we change our perspective.

Group Dynamics Idea Consider asking your group what needs they have and who else in the group could help meet them.

Discuss

1. Contemplate Acts 10:35: “In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
2. What’s the difference between asking “What/how can I get?” and “What/how can I give?”
3. Michael Jr. said, “You have a gift, and the people around you need it.” What do you think your gift is? How can you give it to people, even when they act as if they don’t want it?
4. Michael Jr. tries to give to his audiences. Who is your “audience”?
5. In what parts of your life could you start asking the question “What can I give?” rather than “What can I get?”
6. In what parts of your life could you receive from someone else?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Ask “What can I give?”
- Remember that you have a gift to deliver.
- Change your perspective from seeking to *get* to seeking to *give*.

Prayer

Lord, we know that we have received from You in abundance. We ask that You open our eyes to the unique gifts You have given each of us and how we can use these gifts to the benefit of those around us. Please send others to us who we are uniquely gifted to help. We pray that You would also help us to receive from You and from others. Thank You for being the greatest gift-giver. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Many people have difficulty receiving. Keep your eyes open for needs in your group, even if they are not directly stated, and try to tactfully meet them.

