

CRITICAL THINKING SERVICE

Use the following critical thinking questions to help foster an open, student-led discussion on the theme(s) discussed in this episode of The Harbor.

1. **IN HIS SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, MIKE HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PLAYING IN A STATEWIDE ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME OR GOING ON AN INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP.**
Have you had to make a difficult decision like this in your life? What did you decide and what factors did you consider?
Do you think that you made the right choice?

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2. **ALTHOUGH HE WAS INITIALLY RELUCTANT ABOUT GOING ON HIS MISSION TRIP, MIKE RETURNED HOME WITH A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE.**
Have you ever had an experience that changed your life the way this mission trip did for Mike?
Describe what happened and how it changed your perspective.

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3. **WHEN IT COMES TO SERVICE, MIKE CHALLENGES VIEWERS TO THINK ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING A VOLUNTEER AND BEING "VOLUNTOLD."**
What does he mean by this? When have you been "voluntold" to do something?
When have you truly volunteered to serve? How did these experiences differ?

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4. **THINK OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO HAS TAKEN A SERVICE TRIP OVERSEAS LIKE THE ONE MIKE DESCRIBED.**
Did you notice anything different about them when they returned from their trip?

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5. **MIKE BELIEVES THAT SERVICE DOESN'T REQUIRE TRAVELING TO SOME FARAWAY DESTINATION; IT'S EASIER AND JUST AS IMPACTFUL TO SERVE IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY.**
Do you think that volunteering locally would be less meaningful than a mission trip overseas?
What volunteer opportunities exist in your community? What might be some advantages of volunteering locally?

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