

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Serving Like Christ” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for January 19, 2020. The lesson is found on page 49 of *Young Teen Teacher* by 21st Century Christian.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

This Monday in the United States, many people will be honoring the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. King was a man who lived a life of service, serving the church as a minister and leader, and serving the world with his passionate dedication to the cause of civil rights. When he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he gave away the monetary prize that came with it to further civil rights actions. Also in 1964, President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act into law.

Here are some other thoughts from Dr. King about giving and service:

“Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.”

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

“We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles rather than by the quality of our service and the relationship to mankind.”

“Everyone has the power for greatness, not for fame but greatness, because greatness is determined by service.”

Let’s all honor the memory of this great leader by striving for greatness in our lives as servants in the Kingdom.

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above news story to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

If you were given a million dollars, how would you spend it? Would you want to spend it mostly on yourself or mostly on others?

Do you think greatness can be achieved through service to others? Explain your answer.

Who are some people in your life you think of when you hear the word *servant*?

It can be difficult for us to be giving and serve all the time. God gives us some principles in His Word that can help us lead a more generous lifestyle.

