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The Serving Game

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CAST: 2 males, 2 females, 1 person

Emcee: Typical game-show host (male or female).

Bo Bridgewater: Stereotypical lifeguard.

Faith Workman: Very giving and confident; not afraid of hard work.

Rich McEgo: Spoiled and self-centered.

Joy Givertree: Looking for someone to share her love of serving.

RUN TIME: 7 minutes

PROPS

- Four stools
- Room-divider screen
- Notecards

STORY

What does it take to be a truly biblical servant? Three game-show contestants are quizzed on their qualifications, but which one has what it takes and which ones will be tripped up by their own self-centeredness. This spoof of TV game shows illustrates that real servants put others before themselves.

THEMES

Service. Servanthood. Humility.

The Serving Game

Three contestants (BO BRIDGEWATER, FAITH WORKMAN and RICH McEGO) are seated on stools, a la The Dating Game, on one side of a room-divider screen. A lone stool rests on the other side of the screen. The EMCEE is off to the side but visible to anyone seated on the four stools. Hokey game-show music plays at the beginning and end of the sketch.

EMCEE

(Holding and referring to notecards.)

Welcome to The Serving Game! The game that asks and answers the question: Who will be a good servant? Let's meet our contestants. Servant number one is a lifeguard from Leave-Me-Be Beach. His hobbies are skiing, boating, fly-fishing and white-water rafting. Occasionally he comes to shore, where he enjoys smiling and blowing his whistle at everyone he meets. Welcome, Bo Bridgewater!

Our second servant is a dishwasher from Center-of-Your-Will, Ohio. Her hobbies are hospital visits, mowing the lawns of the elderly and feeding the homeless at Faith Mission. When not pursuing her hobbies, she can be found watching the toddlers during a church service at Can't Stop Christ's Love Church. Please welcome Faith Workman!

And last, but never to be considered least, our third servant, an actuarial scientist from Big Boor, Wisconsin. His hobbies are stuffing tithe envelopes, catching speeders in the church parking lot and critiquing the song service. When not pursuing his hobbies, he can be found writing letters to the local papers pointing out hypocrisy wherever it is found. Please welcome Rich McEgo!

Now let's meet our Servant Scout; she volunteers for several charities in the city and comes to us from the Short North, where she is a full-time missionary. Forty hours a week she works downtown as an administrative assistant for a very understanding boss. Her hobbies are Bible Study and prayer – lots of prayer. Please welcome Joy Givertree.

(JOY GIVERTREE enters and takes a seat on the lone stool, separated from the other three contestants by the screen.)

EMCEE (cont'd)

You all know how the game works: Each servant contestant will be asked a set of questions by our Servant Scout. She will determine the winner based on his answers and give him the opportunity to serve full time in the charity of her choice. Let's begin with the first question.

JOY GIVERTREE

(Addressing BO BRIDGEWATER)

Servant Number One: If you were riding in a car with a friend and he needed his gas tank filled, would you jump out and offer to fill it?

BO BRIDGEWATER

Sure, as long as the dude handed me the cash first ... and, man, if it was raining that'd rock even more. I love the water, man.

JOY GIVERTREE

(Addressing RICH McEGO)

Servant Number Three?

RICH McEGO

Can you clarify the question: Is this a good friend, one who would do the same for me?

JOY GIVERTREE

(Flustered)

Uh ... sure.

RICH McEGO

Then I would say, certainly. But, only if he'd take a picture of me while I filled the tank, so I could send it to the local paper, where my name occasionally appears.

JOY GIVERTREE

Yes, thank you.

(Addressing FAITH WORKMAN)

Servant Number Two. Would you fill your friend's gas tank?

FAITH WORKMAN

Yes, ma'am, to the top, filled to overflowing. ... Well, that might be dangerous, but, yes, I'd fill up the tank and wash the windshield while I was at it. And, of course, the fill-up would be on me.

JOY GIVERTREE

Servant Number Three: If your mother came to you on a Saturday with a list of five chores, and you'd just sat down to watch the football game, what would you say to her?

RICH McEGO

Well, seeing as I still live at home, and the exact thing happened last Saturday, except at the time I was reading a gripping book: "The Texas Instrument Instruction Manual," and –

JOY GIVERTREE

– Should I repeat the question?

RICH McEGO

I can see you like to stay on task; I respect that in a person. I would complete the chore list in as little time as possible and get back to what I was doing. But, I wouldn't like the interruption, not one bit.

JOY GIVERTREE

Thank you. Servant Number One?

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