

OLU MENJAY

BAPTIST REBUILDER



Questions for Conversation

- Olu Menjay courageously returned to Liberia after the civil war to help rebuild his country. Why do you think he decided to go back when he could have stayed in the United States?
- Olu worked at Ricks Institute, teaching students to serve and help others. Why do you think teaching service to others is important?
- How can you serve others in your school or neighborhood?
- Olu taught his students that being a leader means working alongside others, not just giving orders. Why do you think it's important for leaders to serve, too?
- How can you show leadership by serving others?
- Olu's work focused on rebuilding not just buildings but also people's lives. Why is it important to focus on both physical and spiritual rebuilding?
- How can you help others not just with their physical needs but also with their emotional and spiritual needs?
- Olu's story shows that we can make a big difference by being willing to serve where we are needed most. How does this inspire you to find ways to help your community?
- What's one way you can make a difference in your community this week?
- Olu's dedication to serving God and his community in Liberia makes him a Baptist hero. How can you be a hero by following God's call to help others?

Suggested Activities

Community Rebuild Game: Set up an obstacle course or team-building game where students have to "rebuild" a structure (like stacking blocks) after it's knocked over. Discuss how Olu Menjay helped rebuild both communities and lives after the war in Liberia.

Service Project: Lead the class in a small service project to help "rebuild" the local community. This could be as simple as planting flowers at the church, picking up litter, or organizing a donation drive. Discuss how serving others helps rebuild communities, just like Olu did.

Personal Service Goal: Have each student come up with a specific goal to serve another person during the week. Examples include helping parents with chores, assisting grandparents, or taking care of a pet. At the next class, students will share how they accomplished their goal and how it made them feel. Discuss how small acts of service can help rebuild and strengthen relationships, just as Olu Menjay worked to rebuild his community.