



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Sermon Title: "SERVE & SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER"

Scripture: Luke 22:24-27

Date: November 1st, 2015

STORIES OF FAITH

God is at work every day: What are some Missional opportunities that you engaged in this week? As you begin your time together, invite the group to share 'Evidences of God's Grace' that they experienced or observed this week. This is to help draw our attention to what God is doing in the everyday routines of life.

OPENING COMMENT

As a follower of Jesus, we are called to serve and submit to one another, but we live in a culture that has very different ideas when it comes to the topic of service or submission.

In our text this week we can see these issues arise among the disciples. After questioning each other about who among them was going to betray Jesus, they roll right into an argument about which of them should be regarded as the greatest.

"A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greatest, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table?"

But I am among you as the one who serves."

Luke 22:24-27

WORKING THROUGH THE PASSAGE

In the Kingdom of God, the paradigm of greatness is completely different.

a) For context take time to review the events and conversation of [Luke 22](#) leading up to the dispute in [verse 24](#).

b) How did the topic of conversation change in (22:23)?

What do you think the mood in the room was like through that conversation?

c) What did the conversation change to in (22:24)?

Discuss that evening's conversation (22:24) as you see it. What just happened?

Do you think the evil one was lurking about them too? Why or why not?

d) Why do people (we) want to be great and noticed rather than unrecognized and unnoticed? What keeps us from taking a lower role? Do you view some jobs or positions as "beneath you"?

e) How did Jesus respond to their argument? What can we learn from Jesus' response to the disciples' argument (22:25-27)? What does Jesus say must be true of His disciples (22:26)? How is this different than most people (we) naturally think?

f) In light of this passage and Sunday's message define what "true (Christian) greatness" really is.

g) Take time to read [John 13:13-17](#) & [Philippians 2:7-8](#) - Jesus washed the disciples' feet and died on the cross.

Jesus instructs His disciples to "*do as I have done*".

How does it look in daily life (as a Man; Woman; husband; wife; father; mother; as a leader) to be "counter culture" as we live out what it means to "serve & submit to one another"?

h) How does the above look in your own life? Where do you struggle? Where have you seen Jesus change your attitude and heart regarding service and submission?

Passages on service & submission to aid in discussion:

[Mark 8:34](#); [Philippians 2:1-4](#); [1 Corinthians 11:3](#); [Ephesians 5:22,25,33](#); [1 Peter 3](#); [John 10:11](#); [Acts 20:28](#)

SHARE AND PRAY TOGETHER

Take time to share & pray for two things:

- 1) That we may be a Church filled with followers of Jesus who kneel and wash feet, no task too menial, no person too unworthy to be served.
- 2) That we may be a Church filled with followers of Jesus who are not too arrogant to submit, who are not so culturally informed and not so biblically illiterate that we look just like society, but cheerfully, eagerly, helping one another see what it looks like to lovingly lead and respectfully submit.

Pray for one another as you support each other to live out the truths of scripture in your daily lives.

Christmas season is coming, a time when many are open to hearing the Gospel message. What are some missional opportunities that your group can start praying about? What can you do together and/or as individuals to impact the community with the Gospel?