



WEEK 7: SERVING ALL

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

As Jesus teaches His disciples about His coming death and resurrection, they struggle to understand—and instead argue about who among them is the greatest. Jesus flips their idea of “greatest among them” upside down, showing that the first shall be last and servant of all. He then gives strong warnings about anything that leads our hearts away from God, calling His followers to live seriously, faithfully, and in peace with one another.

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

Mark 9:30-50 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Who Is Greatest?

After Jesus predicts His suffering, the disciples begin arguing about who among them is the greatest.

- a. Why do you think it's so easy to think about "being better" or "being first," even when we're trying to follow Jesus?
- b. Where do you notice comparison or competition sneaking into your faith and relationships?

2 Love Is Greatest

Jesus says that whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all.

- a. When you hear Jesus connect greatness with serving, what feels easy about that—and what feels uncomfortable?
- b. Who is one person, or group of people, God might be inviting you to intentionally serve right now?

3 Welcoming Jesus

Jesus brings a child into the center and says welcoming a "child like this" welcomes Him.

- a. Who are the people in your life that are easiest to overlook, rush past, or unintentionally ignore?
- b. What could it look like to welcome and love them more intentionally this week?

4 Being an Example

Jesus gives strong warnings about anything leading "little ones" into sin or causing them to drift.

- a. Why do you think Jesus speaks so firmly about removing things that pull us away from God?
- b. How much does our example matter to the next generation? Why?

Seasoned by God

Jesus ends by calling His followers to "have salt in yourselves" and live in peace with one another.

- a. What do you think it looks like as some who has "salt" and peace with another in everyday life?
- b. Where have you struggled to live in peace with one another? Why?

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Peace with others is not always easy, especially when we have held bitterness for a long time.

- Have you ever held such deep bitterness, you began to hate someone? How did you get there?
- What does the Holy Spirit say about that person, if we asked Him? What does the Holy Spirit say about us?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Example of Peace—This week:

- Think of someone you have bitterness towards.
- Ask the Holy Spirit what He thinks of us and them: write it down and pray into it.

Ask the Holy Spirit to bring peace in our relationships and strength to live in forgiveness.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 4:10 (NASB), *"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God."*

Let the group rest in this promise as you close together in prayer.

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