



WEEK 8: THE WAY OF THE SERVANT

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

As Jesus moves closer to Jerusalem, He repeatedly teaches His disciples that the Kingdom of God operates by an entirely different set of values. While the disciples wrestle with status, Jesus redirects them toward humility, service, and sacrifice. Mark shows us that the way of the Kingdom is not something we climb through effort or status—it's something we receive through surrender and live out through love.

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

Mark 10:1-52 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

No Loopholes

1

The Pharisees were focused on what was technically allowed, but Jesus pointed them back to God's original heart for commitment and love.

- a. Where do you think we're tempted to look for "workarounds" in our faith instead of trusting God's design?
- b. What might it look like to lean into God's heart, even when it feels harder than taking the easy route?

2

Receiving Like Children

Jesus says the Kingdom belongs to those who receive it like children—with trust, openness, and dependence.

- a. What do you think it means to come to God with childlike faith in everyday life?
- b. What makes trusting God feel harder as we get older?

3

Treasuring Others

In **Mark 10:17-31**, the rich, young ruler walks away grieving because he struggles to release what he owns.

- a. If you could give the rich, young ruler advice on surrender, what would it be? Do we follow that same advice ourselves?
- b. In what ways are generosity and surrender partnered together?

4

For Love, Not Recognition

James and John ask for seats of honor, and Jesus responds by redefining leadership.

- a. When was a time you really wanted to be recognized to look good in front of someone?
- b. What does it look like to grow, serve, and love without the motive of being seen?

5

To Serve, Not Be Served

Jesus summarizes His mission: not to be served, but to serve and give His life.

- a. When was the last time you consciously chose humility—putting someone else first or letting go of something that felt rightfully yours?
- b. How did that choice shape you, even if no one else noticed?

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Reflection Questions: Jesus invites His followers to reconsider not just what they're doing—but who they're becoming.

- Where do you recognize Jesus inviting you to surrender pride, or recognition?
- What is a habit you can practice in surrendering these?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Way of the Servant—This week:

- Think of someone you can serve this week.
- When you do, write what the experience was like, what you learned about Jesus.

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the heart to see and serve others who are in need.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

John 13:34 (NIV), *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*

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

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