

**Servants of God**

42 So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. 43 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”  
Mark 10:42-45 (NLT)

The broader context of v.35-45 is important, so make sure you review and incorporate it.

**Observation** (what does the text say?) **Interpretation** (what does it mean?) **Application** (what does it mean to me/us?)

**Discussion/Topic Starters** (Ice Breakers)

- What are some of your secret dreams or grandeur? (see v.35 for context and reason this could be a potential topic starter)
- O: What things in the text strike you or jump out at you? Why?

**v.42**

- O: What is the broader context of this passage? Where is Jesus and what have Jesus and His disciples been doing? What do James and John request of Jesus (v.37)? What does this request reveal about how they view their journey with Jesus?
- I: How does verse 42 look in today’s society? Give examples (especially considering how v.43 starts)
- A: What types of messages cause us to forget that true greatness comes from being a servant?
- A: Are there areas of your life where you operate like this (home, work, church, friendships, etc.)?

**v.43-44**

- O: “among you” happens 3 times in v.43-44... what does that mean? (contrast it with the groups discussed in v.42)
- I: How radical is this calling? Look at the terms/descriptions used. How far does this calling extend (see last words of v.44)? Are there limits to this calling (if so back it up with scripture)?
- A: What excuses do people give for not serving? Are any of these valid?
- A: How can your life better confirm to Jesus’ view of greatness? (Consider what motivates your actions)

**v.45**

- O: What are some broader biblical examples of Jesus serving others?
- A: How can you embrace and apply this passage this week? This month? How can the group help you?

**Recommended Follow-up:**

- **Pray:** Pray that we would be mesmerized again by Jesus’ example as a servant, and that we would be open to His leading for where he wants us to serve (both in the church, as well as in our everyday lives).
- **Respond:** Spend this week reflecting upon and comparing the values of the Kingdom of God (Mark 10:13-45) with those of our present-day society. Then journal and reflect upon how you interact with both value systems.
- **Read:** Next week’s sermon (4/25/2010) will focus on 2Cor. 5:14-21. Take time prior to next Sunday to read & study the passage, pray through the passage, meditate on the passage, etc.

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\* As discussed in Riverside’s HGLT (Home Group Leader Training), these guides are to be starting points for home group leaders to develop their own guides and approaches to leading group discussions. This is a resource tool, not a rigid “go through this guide word-for-word.” There are intentionally too many questions for a single home group time.