

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



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ICEBREAKERS

- If you were running errands and drove past one of your favorite stores with no intention of stopping but then you see a sign that says, "Everything must go!" what store would cause you to suddenly stop and snag the deal?
- When and where was the last time you cleaned out an area to allow space for something new?

READ

Luke 22:24-27

QUESTIONS

- What dispute arose among the disciples? ([The disciples were arguing about who was the greatest](#))
- Define pride in your own words.
- Where does pride arise or masquerade itself in your life? ([e.g., work, family, social media, sports, friendships](#))
- CS Lewis wrote, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." Why do you think we often feel such a strong desire to impress others? How does our culture contribute to this attitude of trying to impress?

- How does Jesus redefine the term “greatest” in response to the disciples' disagreement? (Greatest looks like serving others; it is humbly stepping into a position of the lowest rank to show love and compassion to others, greatest means modeling selfless love)
- Where, when or with whom in your life is it a challenge to take the position of a servant?
- Why does Jesus want us to serve others? (We not only fulfill God's desires for us, but we're also meeting the needs of those around us. We're showing them and the world the love and compassion that Jesus has for each one of us. For many people who are far away from God this may be their first exposure to God or His ways)
- When have you intentionally served others? How was your experience?

READ

Philippians 2:3-7

QUESTIONS

- What does Paul suggest we should do to counteract our natural tendency to try to impress others? (Value others above yourself, take a greater interest in the lives of others, not be selfish, and have a humble mindset like Jesus in relating to others)
- How did Jesus demonstrate his position as a servant? (He gave up His divine privileges and took the humble position of a servant)
- What internal work can you do to shift your focus towards taking an interest in others?

THE THREE QUESTIONS: The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

- **What did you hear?** What point in this message was most impactful for you?
- **What do you think?** How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
- **What will you do?** How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?

CLOSE IN PRAYER: How can the group pray for you now and in the days ahead?