

## Sermon Discussion Guide:

# Greatness in the Kingdom of God

Scripture: **Luke 22:24–30**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, May 17, 2020

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## OVERVIEW

Following the celebration of the Lord's Supper and Jesus' prophecy that he would be betrayed by one of them, the disciples begin to argue about who is the greatest. We are no better than them. Like the disciples, we want others to think the best about us while we look to be served. Jesus teaches that the greatest is actually the one who serves. This is not just moralism, but a way of glorifying God by showing the world His scandalous loving kindness. Serving others also edifies them and is good for us. Jesus didn't just show us what to do by taking on the form of a servant, He also saved us from everything we haven't done. Jesus fulfilled all the commands that we broke. He experienced humiliation for our exaltation. Because He saved us, we will share in His inheritance and will reign with Him. This knowledge reminds us that we can afford to think of others before ourselves. **Jesus calls us to not seek our own honor, but to serve one another.**

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## CORROBORATING TEXTS

1 Peter 4:10, Philippians 2:1-11, John 13:1-20, Luke 1:32-33, James 1:1, 2 Timothy 2:11-13, 1 Peter 5:6, James 4:10, Ephesians 2:1-10

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In this passage, the disciples are arguing about who among them is the greatest while they are in the presence of God incarnate and were just been warned that one of them would betray Him. Are you struck by the self-centeredness of the disciples in this passage? Have you ever been surprised by your own selfish pursuit of glory?
2. In both John's and Luke's account of the scene in the upper room, there are statements about true identity and future glory [see *John 13:3* and *Luke 22:29–30*]. How does this knowledge equip us to humble ourselves in service?
3. What are some means of grace in which you can partake to be reminded of your new identity and future glory in Christ?
4. In what ways can you serve others and demonstrate God's loving kindness:
  - a. In your family
  - b. In your community?
  - c. In your church?
  - d. In your vocation?