



What Heaven Calls Great!

Life Group Discussion Guide

Mother's Day 2026 – Pastor Kevin Casey

Opening Prayer & Thought Provoker (10 minutes)

What Do You Think?

Share a memory of someone who served you selflessly (a parent, mentor, or friend). What impact did their service have on your life?

Review the Main Message (5 minutes)

Central Theme: In God's Kingdom, greatness is measured by trust-filled serving.

Key Scripture:

"But Jesus called them to Himself and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant... just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.'" — Matthew 20:25–28 NKJV

Discussion Questions

Part 1: Heaven's Perspective vs. The World's Perspective (15 minutes)

Read Together: Luke 21:1–4 (The Widow's Offering)

1. What stands out to you most about the widow's gift? Why do you think Jesus highlighted her offering specifically?

2. The sermon contrasted how the world measures greatness versus how God measures it. What are some specific ways our culture defines "greatness" or "success"?

3. How does it challenge you to know that God measures the heart rather than the outward appearance? (1 Samuel 16:7)

4. Can you think of a time when you felt your service or sacrifice went unnoticed? How does the widow's story speak to that experience?

Part 2: Serving Requires Trust in God (15 minutes)

Read Together: Proverbs 3:5–6

5. The widow gave "all her livelihood," demonstrating complete trust in God. What area of your life is God asking you to trust Him with more fully right now?

6. The sermon mentioned that parents often feel helpless when it comes to their children's choices. How can we practically "trust God" rather than fall into controlling or striving?

7. Discuss the car breakdown story from the sermon. Have you experienced a situation where God provided in unexpected ways when you chose peace and trust over panic?

8. What's the difference between being irresponsible and truly trusting God? How do we balance doing our part while depending on Him?

Part 3: The Power of Honor (15 minutes)

Read Together: Exodus 20:12 and Ephesians 6:2–3

9. The sermon taught that honor is a Kingdom principle with promised blessing. What does it practically look like to honor parents (or authority figures) even when they're imperfect?

10. The pastor clarified that honor doesn't mean "celebrating something that is not true about a person." How do we honor someone who has hurt us or failed us significantly?

11. For those who are the first believers in their family line, what unique challenges and opportunities do you face in establishing a new legacy of faith?

12. Beyond parents, who else in your life deserves honor that you may have overlooked?

Part 4: Jesus, Our Ultimate Example (10 minutes)

Read Together: Matthew 20:28

13. Jesus served wholeheartedly, sacrificially, and consistently because He trusted the Father completely. Which aspect of Jesus' serving do you find most challenging to imitate?

14. The sermon stated: "Wholehearted serving flows from realizing He wholeheartedly loves you." How does understanding God's love for you change your motivation to serve others?

15. What "two mites moments" in your life—small, unseen acts of service—might matter more to God than you realize?

Key Takeaways

Have each person share one key insight from today's discussion:

- The world measures greatness by power and recognition; God measures it by trust-filled serving
- God sees and values every sacrifice made in faith, even when no one else notices
- Trust in God is essential for serving without striving, controlling, or burning out
- Honor opens our hearts to God's order and releases blessing in our lives
- Jesus is our model: He served because He trusted the Father completely

Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge:

Choose ONE of the following to practice this week:

Option 1: The Widow's Trust

Identify one area where you've been holding back from fully trusting God. Take one concrete step of faith this week (it might feel like "two mites," but that's okay).

Option 2: Unseen Service

Perform three acts of service this week that no one will see or applaud. Do them as unto the Lord, trusting that He sees.

Option 3: Honor in Action

Reach out to a parent, mentor, or authority figure and express gratitude or offer practical help. If your relationship is difficult, pray for them daily this week.

Option 4: Stop Striving, Start Trusting

Identify one situation where you've been striving in your own strength. Deliberately choose to pray, surrender, and trust God instead of controlling the outcome.

Reflection Questions for Personal Time

- Where in my life am I seeking recognition from people rather than serving in trust before God?
- What "small" acts of service in my daily life might be more valuable in heaven's economy than I realize?
- Am I trying to build my life, family, or ministry in my own strength, or am I trusting God as my source?
- Is there bitterness toward a parent or authority figure that I need to release to walk in honor?

Closing Prayer (5 minutes)

Prayer Focus:

- Thank God that He sees every act of love and service done in faith
- Ask for grace to trust Him more fully with family, children, and relationships
- Pray for hearts that serve like Jesus—wholeheartedly, sacrificially, and consistently
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where we need to release control and embrace trust

For Next Week

Optional Reading:

- Mark 10:35–45 (James and John's request and Jesus' teaching on serving)
- Philippians 2:3–11 (Christ's example of humble service)

Memory Verse:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." — Proverbs 3:5–6 NKJV