

SC Church
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Thrive
The Greatest

- A. Intro: Who wants to be the greatest?
- B. Big Idea: Humility is the path to greatness!
- C. Scripture: Matthew 23:11-12 NLT – ¹¹ The greatest among you must be a servant. ¹² But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.
- D. How can I be the greatest for my Lord?
 - a. Choose to Serve
 - i. Philippians 2:5-11 NLT – ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 - b. Serve in Humility
 - i. 1 Peter 5:6 NLT – So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.
 - ii. Prov 29:23 NLT – ²³ Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor.
- E. Close: Are you living ready to serve your Lord?
 - a. One of the greatest forms of tragedy is to be successful in all the things that don't matter. – Tim Tebow
 - b. Next Steps
 - i. Memorize: Matthew 23:11 NLT – The greatest among you must be a servant.
 - ii. Evaluate: Am I serving to exalt me or Jesus?
 - iii. Action: Invite a friend or family member to Easter Sunday!