

## The Greatness Code

*“Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant ... <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”* Mark 10:43, 45 NIV

**In the Kingdom of God, greatness is service, not status.**

*It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.* John 13:1 NIV

*... so [Jesus] got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup>After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.* John 13:4-5 NIV

### Jesus' Seven Acts of Service

1. He got up.
2. He took off His outer clothing.
3. He wrapped a towel around His waist.
4. He poured water into a basin.
5. He knelt down.
6. He washed the disciples' feet.
7. He dried their feet with a towel.

**In our pride, we often criticize those with dirty feet instead of washing them.**

**Serve anyway.**

### TALK IT OVER

Read **Mark 10:43, 45**. How does Jesus' definition of “greatness” compare to the world's definition? What are some things the world values as special, important, or “great”?

Has there ever been a moment when you almost missed an opportunity serve because of pride? What was the outcome of that experience?

What need is God calling you to meet right now? How can you take a step toward meeting that need this week?

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