

Enroute to Easter – How to be Great in the Kingdom

Discussion Questions:

How would you define power?

Do you agree with the argument that if this life is all there is, amassing power makes logical sense? Why or why not? Do you agree that the reality of an afterlife logically changes how we should view power in this life? Why or why not?

Who can you name who has used political power well? What about military power? Social or relational power? Spiritual power?

Who can you name who has misused or abused political power? What about military power? Social or relational power? Spiritual power?

What do you think you would have done or thought if you were one of Jesus' disciples and you heard James and John just asked for preferential treatment or perks in the kingdom? How would you have responded?

What do you think you would have done or thought if you were one of Jesus' disciples and he started to wash your feet? How would you have felt?

Just for fun: Based on social status, which of the disciples do you think should have picked up the towel and washed everyone's feet?

We said that greatness in the kingdom comes through love and service. Do you believe this? Why or why not? If you do believe this, why do you think so many Jesus followers find it hard to serve?

What do you think a church would look like who truly believed and practiced this? How would the pastors act? How would the elders act? How would the congregation act? If there was an "organizational chart", where would these different groups fit? What would a first-time guest's experience be?

Who is the hardest person/people group/demographic for you to love and serve?

Who do you think God's want you to love and serve? How do you think God wants you to love and serve them?