



Jesus Said What?!
Wk 4 of 4: A King Who Serves?!
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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

Help students understand their call to chose to serve others as Jesus did.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:42-45

THINK ABOUT THIS

It is a natural thing to want to fight for what we want – to try and be first. It is one of the harder things in the world to lay down what we want to serve someone else – to provide something they need that costs us something. How can we model that as leaders in our own lives? When it's hard to put someone else first, how do you do it? Is there a story you can share with your students that shows them how you humbly work against your natural urge to put yourself first and decide to live within God's ways?

THANK YOU

One way you are already doing that is by being a middle school leader. Thank you for giving your time to invest into middle school students and into Jesus' kingdom. It makes a difference.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.



CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

Jesus is king of a different kind of kingdom, so He leads us to live a different kind of life.

GET THEM TALKING

If you were king or queen for a day, what are some things you'd want to do?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would you choose to be the best at in the whole world, if you could pick anything?
2. What kind of problems are created when everyone tries to be first or be the best?

READ MARK 10:42-45 and answer the following questions:

3. In your own words, what does this mean?
4. When was a time you put someone else before yourself?
5. How did that make you feel?
6. Would you make the same decision again?
7. What keeps us from putting others before ourselves?
8. If Jesus' kingdom is full of people putting others before themselves, what kind of place would that be like?

GOSPEL MOMENT

This lesson can easily go in the direction of "just be a good person who does good things." Let us not forget that Jesus came to earth to serve and save us. He put us before Himself so much that He died to forgive our sins. It's by believing in that that we are saved, not by how many good actions we do. Putting others first isn't about being a good person to earn our way into heaven, it's about loving others out of the great love God has shown us. As we practice putting others first, let's do it out of thankfulness for God's love for us.

NEXT STEP

Everyone pick one person they want to serve this week and at least one way you can put them before yourself. (ex: wash dishes without being asked, play a game your sibling loves, ask someone sitting by themselves at school to sit with you and your friends...) Have everyone share their next step goal.

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask students for their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

SCRIPTURE

Middle school students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

MARK 10:42-45 (NLT)

So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ⁴³ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”