

# Lake Merced Church of Christ

Home Groups

Give Yourself Away - To Jesus

## Ice Breaker

If you found yourself in a pinch where you needed someone to help you immediately, someone you knew would drop everything to bail you out of a jam, who would you call and why?

## Opening Prayer

As you begin, open with some prayer time and thank God for the people He's put in your life, whether they be people who have authority over you, or people you have authority over. Give thanks for those people by name.

## Discussion

Read Luke 22:14-30 aloud, together as a group.

1. For thousands of years, the world has operated in a Patronal system, where there are two kinds of people: Patrons and Clients (or Servants and the Served). Patrons are the wealthy rulers who provide for the poor Clients, and the Clients reciprocate by giving loyalty and honor to the Patrons. What are some ways that we still see the Patronal system at work in our culture today? Where have you seen it emerge in your own life?
2. The system that Jesus lived in very much reflected this Patronal culture, but he said in verse 26, "You are not to be like that, Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves." As Josh discussed in his message Sunday, Jesus was introducing his disciples to Servant Leadership. Why do you think Jesus cared about changing the model of leadership they lived in?
3. Josh pointed to Sherpas who help other people scale Mt. Everest as an example of Servant Leadership. Can you think of any examples of Servant Leadership in your life or in the world today?
4. How does Servant Leadership begin to change how we live as Christians? How does it change our lives as parents, as husbands & wives, as employees, as neighbors, and more? If we assume the role of servant, rather than the served, what would we do differently than we do right now?
5. What is the biggest obstacle you personally face to becoming the Servant Leader that you think Jesus wants you to be? How can you live to become a Servant first? What do you fear about surrendering yourself to servanthood? And how do you overcome the fatigue of being a servant, especially when it's not reciprocated?

## Closing Prayer

Spend some time as a group praying for the specific challenges people face in becoming true servant leaders. Pray for God's courage and strength to trust that His way is the better way. Pray for the servant's heart that Jesus had to well up within each person and in Lake Merced.