STF Group Guide: Redefining Greatness

Opening Question:
Who do you consider to be "great" in today's world? What qualities make them great in your eyes?

Key Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

Key Takeaways:
1. True greatness in God's Kingdom is defined by service, not status.
2. Following Jesus may involve suffering and sacrifice, but leads to true fulfillment.
3. Servant leadership can transform our homes, workplaces, and communities.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does Jesus' definition of greatness differ from the world's view? Why do you think this difference exists?

2. Why do you think James and John asked Jesus for positions of power in His kingdom? Have you ever had similar desires for status or recognition?

3. In what areas of your life do you find it most challenging to adopt a servant's heart, and why?

4. Discuss the quote: "You know you have a servant's attitude when you react like a servant when you're treated like a servant." How have you responded when treated like a servant?

5. In what ways can we cultivate a heart that finds joy in serving others, even when it's difficult or inconvenient?

6. In what ways can we practically apply Jesus' model of servant leadership in our families, workplaces, and communities?

7. How might our church and community be transformed if we fully embraced Jesus' teaching on servanthood?

Prayer:

Practical Applications:

1. Identify one area in your life where you can intentionally serve others this week.
2. Reflect on times when you've been treated as a servant. How did you react, and how might you respond differently in the future?
3. Look for opportunities to "wash feet" in your daily interactions, following Jesus' example of humble service.

4. Pray for God to cultivate a servant's heart within you and to reveal areas where you may be seeking status over service.