

WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER

INTRODUCTIONS: Share the topic & takeaway this week.

GOD-STORIES: A God-story is an undeniable encounter or experience with God that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK: Were able to identify area in your church or community where you can meet needs?

WEEK #2

Thought provoking question: Name a time when someone served you unexpectedly?

GUIDELINES

SAFE ENVIRONMENT | CONFIDENTIALITY | LISTEN | PAUSE | SILENCE | NO "CROSS TALK" | NO FIXING | NO RESCUING | SHARING | SELF AWARE | "I" STATEMENTS | CONFLICT

Title: Love the Church

Topic: Serving

Takeaway: Serve others for the glory of God rather than the promotion of yourself.

SHARE BACKGROUND AND PROVIDE CONTEXT TO THE BIBLE STORY.

The book of Mark, one of the four Gospels in the New Testament, tells the story of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. The book begins with the arrival of John the Baptist, who prepares the way for Jesus. Jesus then begins his public ministry by calling his disciples and performing miracles. Jesus performed several notable miracles, from calming a storm and healing a demon-possessed man to feeding a crowd of 5,000. Several of these miracles often conflicted with the Pharisees; Jesus knew his mission. Near the end, he predicted his death and resurrection and taught about the importance of humility and service.

In today's story, Jesus responds by teaching his disciples about the true nature of leadership, which involves serving others with humility and love. This passage highlights the contrast between the world's view of leadership and the values of the Kingdom of God.

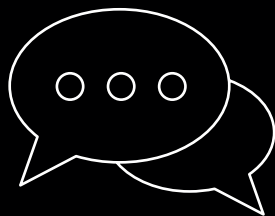
Support Passages: 1 Cor. 15:58; Col. 3:23-24, 1 Peter 4:10-11; Gal. 5:13-14

SHARE THE STORY: Mark 10:35-45

INVITE EVERYONE TO ENGAGE BY REBUILDING THE STORY.

READ SCRIPTURE OUT LOUD TO SEE IF ANYTHING WAS ADDED OR OMITTED

DIVE DEEPER WITH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



1. How are disciples of Jesus expected to model servant leadership? How do joy and enthusiasm play a role in serving?
2. With truth and transparency, what are your motivations for helping others?
3. Over the next two weeks, how will you intentionally find ways to serve others? (Family, church, community)
4. _____ ?
5. _____ ?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week

ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY: 1 Kings 17:1-16

ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER.