

LOVE BIG

"Can I Help You?"
December 9th, 2018

Opening Prayer: Pray first thanking God for all the people that have helped you in your life. Praise God for putting the right people in your life at the right times when you needed them. Pray that God will show you when He needs you to be there for others. Pray that you will be open to these encounters and the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need.

Scripture: Read Matthew 20: 25 – 28

This statement by Jesus was powerful in the time in which He said it. The people were expecting a political Messiah who would use power and government to set the people free. Jesus was turning that all upside down and telling them that humble service, and love, would set the people free from their bondage (sin) and that even He came, not to be served, but to serve.

Discuss:

- Why do you think it was important for Jesus to both model and say to His disciples that serving others was important?
- How do you think this idea clashed with their idea of a Messiah who would conquer with political power?
- What does it mean to you to be called to follow Jesus' example with humble service?
- What are some ways that you and your family/small group can humbly serve those in need in your area? In your country? In your world?

Closing Prayer: Take some time to thank God again for those who have been there for you when you needed them. Ask God to show you people in need that He wants you to reach out to in love. Pray for your eyes to be opened to seeing the world as God sees the world and to love those in need the way that He does.