

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of February 7, 2016

Matthew 20:25-28

These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion.

Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

New Living Translation (NLT)

²⁵ But 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. ²⁶ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. ²⁸ 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.”

Connection Questions:

1. Do you think churches today have become self-serving? If so, how? How can churches become more focused on the serving image about which Jesus teaches?

7. It has been said that people don't remember what you say but they remember what you do. How might this idea change how you live?

8. Jesus changed Jewish perception of a messiah. Why do you think it was difficult for Jesus' listeners to grasp his revolutionary idea to see a messiah in a new light? Is it difficult for us to understand it today? If so, why?

9. What would have to change in our culture for Jesus' dream for the world to become a reality?