

Jesus' New Way to Live!

Week 3 – Serve!

Memory Verse: The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

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An atmosphere of betrayal and strife. (Lk. 22:20-22)

The virus spreads. (Lk. 22:23)

Insecurity intensifies pride. (Lk. 22:24)

Jesus' new way: The purpose of power and authority is to serve. (Lk. 22:25-27)

Jesus the foot washer! (John 13:1-17)

God does not give us power and authority to serve ourselves, control others, and get what we want. God gives us power and authority to serve the people God puts in our lives.

Serving is not simply doing whatever people want. You must discern what they really need. For I want to use the authority the Lord has given me to strengthen you, not to tear you down. (2 Cor. 13:10)

Next Step:

- Thank those who have served you!
- Ask forgiveness if needed.
- “God gives me power to build people up!”

Questions to explore:

1. Don't use names, but share your experiences with bosses that were bad and bosses that were good and what was the difference between the two? Did it have to do with how they used their power and authority?
2. Encourage each other by sharing examples of how you've been able to use your power and authority to serve the people God has placed in your life.

Challenge question:

- Think about the most challenging relationship in your life right now. (Please do not use names when you share with your group.) Are you using power to serve that person, or are you waiting for them to serve you first? What does it mean that Jesus did not wait for you to serve him before he chose to serve you through sacrificing his life for you? What would it look like for you that person in that challenging relationship? What is the obstacle that stand in your way?
- If you are in a position of power and authority at work, what are the challenges you face in using your power to serve those you employ or supervise? If you are underneath a boss at work, what are the challenges you face in using the power God has given you to serve those around you, including your boss?