

ULC Sermon Study Resource
The Gospel of Luke // Jesus Submits
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What is your favorite sport to watch? What is your least favorite?

Reading: Luke 22:24-30, 47-53

Outline:

- I. Greatness in Service (v. 24-27)
 - a. The disciples argued over which of them would be regarded as the greatest. This is a fundamental human dispute that has been common throughout human history.
 - b. Jesus says that if they are recognized as a leader, they need to lead with humility and service. The response to recognition is what matters to Jesus.
Q: How does Jesus say the disciples are supposed to be different leaders?
- II. Hope in Trials (v. 28-30, 47-50)
 - a. Jesus gives the disciples hope for the future of being united with Him.
 - b. Peter fails to have hope here, and he instead uses violence rather than trusting in Jesus.
Q: How does Jesus describe the future with his disciples?
- III. Compassion in Conflict (v. 51-53)
 - a. Jesus models greatness through service as he stops violence and brings healing.
 - b. In turning our eyes to Jesus' service and compassion for us, we will find ourselves living in humility and service to others.
Q: Who did Jesus heal? Was this person one of his followers?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Have you experienced this common human desire to be recognized by others in your own life?
- 2) What are some practical ways for you to respond to recognition that would be in line with what Jesus taught in our text for today?
- 3) Have you ever struggled with the pressure to maintain your greatness and recognition in a certain area of your life? What are the dangers of living this way?
- 4) In what ways are you currently serving others? In what ways can you serve in the future?
- 5) How have you responded in the face of trials? Have you ever lost sight of the hope you have for the future and failed to respond with humility and service?

Suggestions for further study:

- Colossians 3:23-24 **Q: When we serve others, who are we ultimately serving?**
- John 13:1-17 **Q: How did Jesus model service here? What is so significant about this?**
- Matthew 20:26-28 **Q: How does this echo what we heard in our text for today?**

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, we thank you that you came not to be served, but to serve and to give your life as a ransom for many. Jesus, as we receive your grace we pray that we would extend that to others. We pray that we would not seek greatness through our accomplishments or our status, but that we would seek to be great in the way that you are great - through humility and service. Give us the strength to do that, Lord. In your holy name we pray, Amen.