

The Kingdom Stuff

4. Redefining Greatness

Table purpose statement (Share at the start or before the Discovery section):

This group exists for the purpose of discipleship. A disciple is someone who loves and obeys Jesus. (John 14:15) That means our focus is hearing from God and taking steps of faith. Our goal is to multiply another healthy Table. One day, some of you will lead a group like this!

Table Talk (1/3 of meeting)

- Icebreaker: What's a song that makes you instantly relax?
- What are you thankful for this week? What's stressing you out?
- Where is God at work in your life?
- Worship God through song. Recommended: [The Simple Kingdom by Cody Carnes](#).

Discussion Guidelines

1. Everyone shares in sentences, not paragraphs.
2. Focus only on what this passage is saying. (This keeps everyone on the same page)
3. Share from your perspective – we won't argue or give advice.
4. Give everyone time to respond. Silence is OK.
5. The facilitator will facilitate discussion, not teach.

Discover what God is saying to you. (1/3 of meeting)

Read Mark 9:30-37. *Read it in two translations if time permits.*

- What part of this scripture makes the biggest impression on you?
- How does our culture define greatness? How is Jesus' definition different?
- Why do you think Jesus used a child to illustrate humility?
- What does it practically look like to be "last of all" in your workplace, family, or community? Who is someone you know that lives like that?
- We naturally pursue what we want, but following Jesus means we put others' needs before our wants. Share a time when that created a conflict. What happened?

Go do it. (1/3 of meeting)

- What's a simple step you can take this week to let go of your agenda and serve others?
- How is God prompting you to serve in or outside the church?
- **Pray for the Empty Chair.** Place hands on an empty chair in the circle and ask God to fill it with someone who needs to be here next week. Plan a low-key hangout to make for an easy invitation!