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DISCIPLES

PARENT GUIDE

LESSON 4.2: MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 20:20-28

SUMMARY:

In this week's passage, Jesus is talking to His disciples. They definitely hear the part about sitting on thrones with Jesus, but selectively ignore when He talks about the suffering they will endure because of Him. They are hung up on the idea of ruling with Jesus. In Jesus' kingdom, the greatest won't be the ones with the most authority to command others—like in the regular, human world. Instead, the

greatest will be the servants, the slaves of all, the ones who give themselves up to meet the needs and goals of others. God built us to be servants. Those who serve best will be great in His kingdom. Those who serve only themselves won't be very great at all. Encourage your student to use his or her gifts and talents to serve and bless others. That is how to become great in the kingdom of God.

CORE VERSES

Matthew 20:27-28

CORE CONCEPTS

God desires for each of His people to be a servant.

SERVICE:

Working to help other people to meet their needs and/or accomplish their objectives

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- How are you using the gifts and talents God has given you to serve others?
- Do you feel the weight of responsibility to use the gifts and talents God has given you to serve and bless other people? Why or why not?
- Who has blessed you uniquely by using the gifts or talents God has given them? How did you respond?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?