

**I. Read Luke 22:24-30**

- A. In this passage, the *world's* standard and God's standard are contrasted. The contrast focuses on how the *world* defines greatness as opposed to greatness in the kingdom of God. How does the *world* define greatness?

By contrast, who is great in the kingdom of God?

- B. Does the principle explained in Luke 22:24-30 convey the notion that believers should not hold positions of authority?
- C. Read Philippians 2:4-8 and explain how Jesus lived out the principle He explained in Luke 22:27.
- D. Read Mark 10:35-45 and explain what Jesus was pointing to in verse 45.
- E. Jesus speaks of the disciples sitting “on thrones” and “judging the twelve tribes of Israel.” Is this promise to be understood literally? (Read Colossians 3:1-4.)
- F. How can a believer properly apply the principle Jesus explained in Luke 22:24-30? (Start with your primary responsibility to God and work from there logically.)

G. Read John 13:5-10 and discuss the point Jesus was making to His disciples.

H. The following is a diagnostic test that will help identify problem areas in our lives that do not reflect a servant's heart. Answer *True* or *False* as honestly as possible:

1. I like the status that goes along with leadership roles in church.
2. I enjoy the feeling I get when I tell others that I hold a particular office in church or a specific position of leadership.
3. I find myself feeling resentful when others seem to get more recognition than I do.
4. I am easily offended when others don't seem to offer appropriate respect or deference to me.
5. I seem to have a rebellious spirit toward those in positions of authority.
6. I can't remember the last time I did a task in church that was really unpleasant, or that I really didn't want to do.
7. Try as I might to keep it a secret, when I do good things for others, I always seem to tell someone.
8. I am attracted to magazines and television shows which focus on celebrities or famous people.
9. I don't like to hear that my friends are doing better than me financially.
10. I have had more than a few conflicts with my pastor and/or others in authority in my church.