

**JESUS TOLD THEM, “IN THIS WORLD THE KINGS AND GREAT MEN LORD IT OVER THEIR PEOPLE, YET THEY ARE CALLED ‘FRIENDS OF THE PEOPLE.’ BUT AMONG YOU IT WILL BE DIFFERENT. THOSE WHO ARE THE GREATEST AMONG YOU SHOULD TAKE THE LOWEST RANK, AND THE LEADER SHOULD BE LIKE A SERVANT. WHO IS MORE IMPORTANT, THE ONE WHO SITS AT THE TABLE OR THE ONE WHO SERVES? THE ONE WHO SITS AT THE TABLE, OF COURSE. BUT NOT HERE! FOR I AM AMONG YOU AS ONE WHO SERVES. - LUKE 22:25-27**

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Sending off my 5- and 7-year-old boys with important instructions has taught me the benefit of telling them the priority instruction last. Sometimes it's the only thing they remember!

Similarly, when Jesus has one final evening to share his heart with his closest followers, our ears should perk up for what he prioritizes. In a contrast to yet another one of their bragging competitions, Jesus reminds them that power works differently in his kingdom: “[he] is among [them] as one who serves” (Luke 22:27).

In John's account (14:1) we can see how surprising it was for Jesus to wash their feet. He upended a really strong cultural norm to embed servanthood into their minds – showing all his followers (including us) that serving is a key way to embody his Kingdom.

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