

MAIN IDEA

What does it mean to be truly great? Jesus frees us from the world's view of power and shows us a better way, the way of the servant! "Greatness is not determined by how many serve you but how you serve others."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SR HIGH SERVE NIGHT –
Wed May 23rd Make sure you've got your plans lined up for next week. If you're stuck, consider asking other groups what has worked for them.

SR. HIGH - BLAST OFF – Bazooka blast and Laser Tag with pizza to cap it off! \$10/person.

JR. HIGH – TAKE OFF June 8-10
Cost is \$125
An amazing retreat at Camp Widjitiwin. Fun activities, great teaching and time with God & your Ignite friends in nature!

RECAP: WHAT WAS SAID

Jesus shows us that our typical idea of greatness isn't what it's cracked up to be, and shows us what true greatness is: Being a Servant! Jesus frees us to think like Him!

BEING A SERVANT IS BETTER THAN POPULARITY

The Religious Leaders of the day had a great situation. They would walk down the street and people would respect them. People would look up to them and want to be like them! Jesus didn't respect their self-righteousness and how they lorded over people. He was showing the people that greatness isn't found in your social standing but in truly loving others.

BEING A SERVANT IS BETTER THAN BEING THE BEST

There's nothing wrong with doing your best! We should want to be excellent in all that we do for God's Glory. But... there's a difference between doing your best and *needing to be best*. The Disciples argued with one another regarding greatness. Jesus stops their bickering to show them true greatness, to serve others and see them succeed as well.

BEING A SERVANT IS BETTER THAN POWER

Have you ever had someone say something to you that has ruined your day? Our words and our actions have power. The gentile Kings would use their power in evil ways but Jesus frees us to use our words and actions in ways that lift people up and show them His love! In His last moments, Jesus washed His disciple's feet. He didn't beat them down with words when they were thinking wrong; He showed them a better way through love.

QUESTIONS

DISCLAIMER – Read these ahead of time, and use the ones that will work for your group.

What makes someone popular at the places that you find yourself every day (School, work, etc)? Have you noticed that where there are popular kids there are also unpopular kids? Who do you think Jesus would spend His time with?

How can you be like Jesus at your school? How can you leave aside the

whole idea of 'popularity' to love others?

Do you think there is anything wrong with achieving greatness? (with grades, at music practice, in sports, etc.)

What is the difference between *being your best* and *needing to be best*? Who were the disciples comparing themselves to? What was Jesus' response? (Read John 13:1-20) Why was His response significant?

Have you ever had someone say or do something that has ruined your day? Did their words or actions have power?

How do bullies use power? Why do you think Jesus told the disciples to lead by being a servant instead?

My Custom Questions: _____

PRAYER

As you begin to Pray, ask your students what they think God wants to hear about in their life. Let them write a few things down. Then ask God to open our hearts and minds to see life like He does. Pray for a servant's heart that shows the love of Jesus to the world.