

"Servolution"

Last Shall Be First

warm-up

Group Ice Breaker:

Pretend for a moment that you are God. You are the Creator of all. Looking at the world today, in it's current context, what would break your heart the most?

word & application

Matthew 20:25-28 (NLT)

*But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. **Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant**, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even **the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life** as a ransom for many."*

and

John 15:10-13 (NLT)

When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy.** Yes, your joy will overflow! This is my commandment: **Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Discussion

- When another person puts your needs above their own, list some practical actions that help you feel valued.
- Think about ways that you regularly serve others – at home, at church, in the workplace, in the community. Which of these acts of service help you feel fulfilled – like God's love is flowing through you?

Next Steps

As a group, discuss some of these "next steps" in actively serving our church family and our community:

- Where do I feel gifted and drawn to serve within our church? (Visit www.crossroads.org/serve-within for ideas)
- Is there a community partner that our group could serve – for a day or on a regular basis? (Visit www.crossroads.org/serve-locally for opportunities and connection details)

prayer

Pray over group requests. Also, pray that God begins to open our eyes to the needs we can serve within our church body and our local community. Ask for the Holy Spirit's confidence and encouragement to step out in faith and help others know that God values and loves them.