

Small Group Time:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with key questions, add any optional Scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

<u>Main Idea:</u>

We constantly make decisions about who we want to be. We make resolutions; we set goals. Often, these goals are focused on ourselves. Losing weight, saving money —even the best goals are often inherently self-centered. Christ did not call us to live that way. To live the life God has for us, we must be willing to reject our own comfort for the good of others. It's not easy, and it sure isn't comfortable. But when we start living a generous life, God can do so much more.

Key Questions:

- 1. If you could be the Greatest of All Time at one thing, what would it be?
- 2. Who do you know who always does kind things for others? How do people view that person?
- 3. Take a minute to review... Becoming a servant requires us to (1) Bring a Lunch (2) Offer a Ride & (3) Carry a Towel. What does this mean?
- 4. Read Matthew 23:11. Who do you get tired of (or dislike) serving? What would happen if you viewed serving them as the greatest thing you do?
- 5. Has someone ever joyfully helped you with something "small"? How did it make you feel?
- 6. Ben said, "In the Kingdom, the little things are the big things." What are some "little things" you tend to consider beneath you? What do you think would happen if you started doing some of those things anyway?
- 7. What "little things" do you do that others probably don't notice? Why do you think God views these small acts of service as great?
- 8. How can you more faithfully serve your friends, family, and community?

Next Steps:

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?
- Bring a lunch, offer a ride, and carry a towel. How can you do more of these this week?