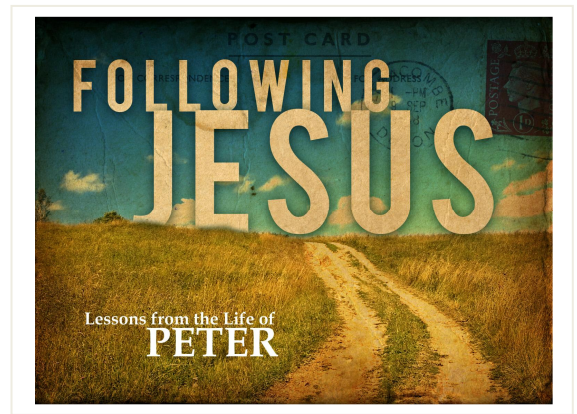


**Discussion guide for:
"What's the point?"
(Following Jesus session #3)**



Opening up

What is some of the advice you have received about self-advancement?

Observing the scriptures

Read Matthew 20:20-28

1. The point is not to gain position (vs. 20-21)
2. The point is not to gain prestige (vs. 23)
3. The point is not to gain privilege (vs. 24)
4. The point is not to gain power (vs. 25)
5. The point is to serve others (vs. 27-28)

What motivated James and John's mother to make this request of Jesus?

What are some of the results of self-advancement? How does this affect relationships? Our walk with God?

Do you think we make our evaluation of others the test of whether we serve them or not?

How did Jesus evaluate us as He served us?

Does the command to be a slave to others trouble you on any level?

Describe someone you consider a true servant, what are some of the qualities you can imitate to be a better servant?