



April 6, 2014 Morning

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## The Cross and the Kingdom

Luke 22:14-30

*The Shadow of the Cross* pushes you toward “kingdom” living

### 1. The world says Now/ The Kingdom says Wait (vs. 14-18)

Look at His example  
Evaluate your practice

### 2. The world says Protect/ The Kingdom says Sacrifice (vs. 17-20)

Look at His example  
Evaluate your practice

### 3. The world says Control/ The Kingdom says Serve (vs. 24-30)

Look at His example  
Evaluate your practice

Conclusion:

Are you living in light of the coming Kingdom?

# WEEK ONE

Read Mark 9:35
DAY 3

Today or tomorrow, practice being last at everything you do—not late, just last. If a line forms to do something at school, let others go ahead of you. When you and your sister get to the car door at the same time, let her go in first. When picking a dessert after dinner, let everyone else pick first. Put others first all day long.

Then tonight, spend some time praying and thanking God for the chance to be a leader.

That’s right! When you served others today by going last, you were showing part of what it means to be a leader. Follow the leadership example that Jesus gave to us and lead others by putting them first.

**LOOK** for ways to keep serving others all month long.

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11
DAY 4

What has God gifted you with? Maybe you’re a great soccer player or maybe you read really well. Maybe you can sing or dance, or perhaps you have some sweet ninja skills. Whatever it is you can do, did you know that God gave you that gift so you could use it to serve others? It’s true!

Draw a line from the talents below to the way you can use that gift to serve others.

Sports	Make cookies to take to a nursing home
Reading	Cheer up a friend who’s had a bad day
Drawing/Coloring	Play songs or sing for your grandparents or other family
Telling jokes	Read a book to someone who can’t read
Music	Offer to help a kid in your neighborhood practice their sport
Cooking/Baking	Make a piece of art to take to your teacher

Now make a plan to use your own gift this week to serve others. Not sure what your talent is? Ask a parent or friend for help!

**KNOW** that God gifted you to serve others.