



WEEK EIGHT: HOW SHOULD I TREAT OTHERS?

Appetizer

(Teachers: Divide your students into smaller groups of four or five. Hand each group a full-sized bath towel, a pen, and a piece of paper.)

Each of our groups has a towel. Your assignment in the next five minutes is to come up with as many creative and fun ways that you can use a towel as you can. Write down your ideas and make sure not to tell the other groups. We're going to have a competition to see who has the most ideas.

(Teachers: Number the groups. Call a group's number and get a member of the group to demonstrate one of its ideas. These could include wearing the towel as an apron, wearing it as a mask, using it as a superhero cape, etc. Groups cannot repeat ideas, and they can only demonstrate one idea per turn. The last team standing with ideas wins. Award a prize to the winning group. If the game goes long, close the game with several teams as winners.)

This week in *Snack Pack* we learned about what it looks like to treat those around us like Christ would. On Day 5, we saw that Jesus used the picture of a towel to teach His disciples how to serve those around them. He wanted them to have an example by which they would live the rest of their lives. Eventually, Jesus died on the cross and gave all of us the perfect example of sacrificial service.

Main Course

Jesus spent a ton of time with His disciples. He walked with them, talked with them, laughed with them, ate with them, prayed with them, mentored them, and did so much more with them. The gospels are filled with stories of the special moments He had with these 12 men. Let's look at one of these stories from a time when the disciples were arguing with each other in Jesus' presence.

Read Mark 10:35-45

Jesus thought it was important that those closest to Him truly understood what greatness meant in the kingdom of God. He made a point to teach them this truth through the things He said and the way He lived. Jesus taught the disciples about service by washing their feet in John 13, and He taught them the same truth in this passage. The greatest people in the kingdom of God are those who choose to become the least by becoming servants.

Notice that Jesus did not give His disciples a bunch of things they were supposed to go and do in this passage. He did not want to weigh them down with a list of 100 things that they had to do for other people. Jesus is more interested in the person you are becoming than in the things you do. Jesus knows that if we can fully understand our role as servants, it will completely transform the way we live. Who we are on the inside affects everything about the

way we live on the outside.

Dessert

(Teachers: Give each member of your group a small towel or a dish rag.)

Today, we want you to take this small towel and put it in a place where you will see it everyday. You may want to carry it with you in your book bag or hang it up in your room. Take a marker and write your name on the towel. Under your name, write "John 13:15."

(Teachers: Read this verse to your group to remind them of what they've learned this week.)

Jesus has clearly set an example for His people, and He asks you and I to follow it just like His disciples did. When we study God's word, God wants it to change the way we live our lives. So how should we treat others? In the same way Jesus did -- by constantly seeking ways we can be foot-washers and serve those around us. Let's pray together that Jesus will continue to develop a servant's heart inside each of us so that it affects the way that we treat others in our everyday lives.