

How to be the Greatest

“Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:25-28 (NIV)

“You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.” John 15:14-15 (NIV)

The amazing reward of being a servant.

“See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, ²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.”²⁷ Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. ²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:25-29 (NKJV)

The relationship of shaking and servicing.

Small Group & Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Have you come to a place in your spiritual walk where serving is a **response** to the grace you've received or do you still see it as something you “need” to do?
2. Share with your group your greatest joy in your area of service.
3. When it comes to a “shaking” of all things, what emotions does that create in you? Why?
4. What assurance does the passage that we read in Hebrews give us when the “shaking” begins? What does that lead you to want to do in the months ahead?