STAND AT THE CROSSROADS

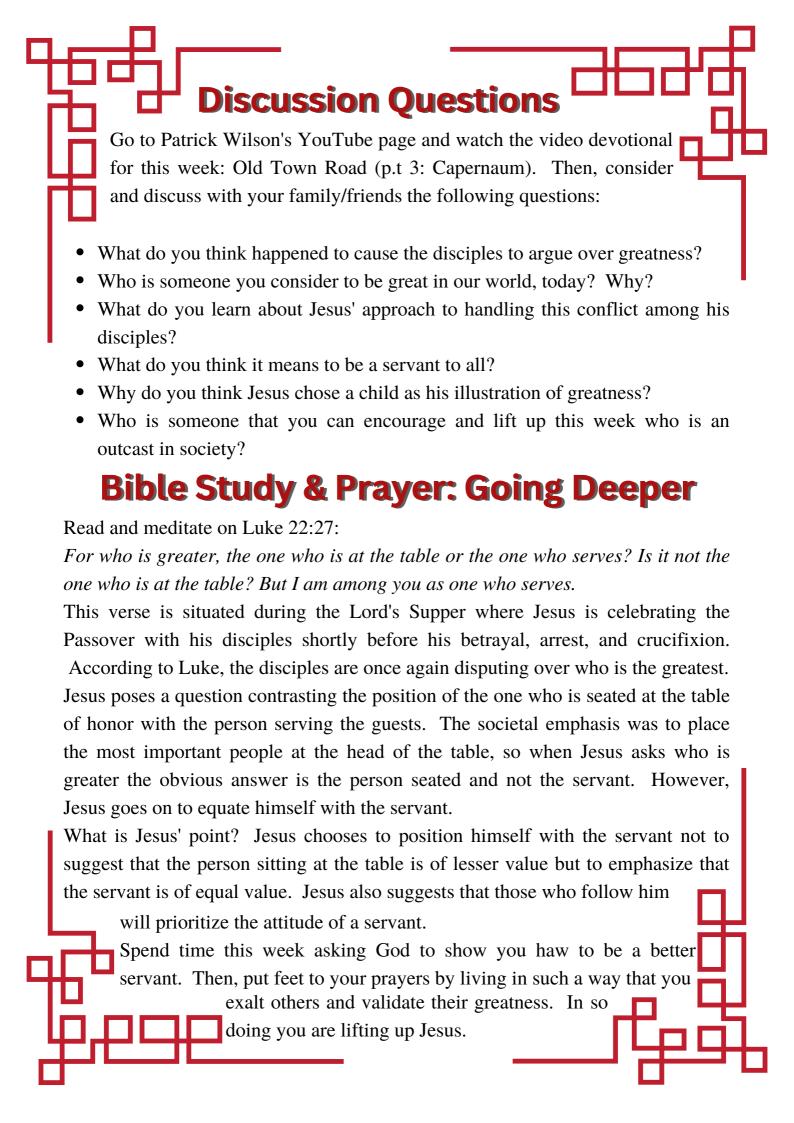
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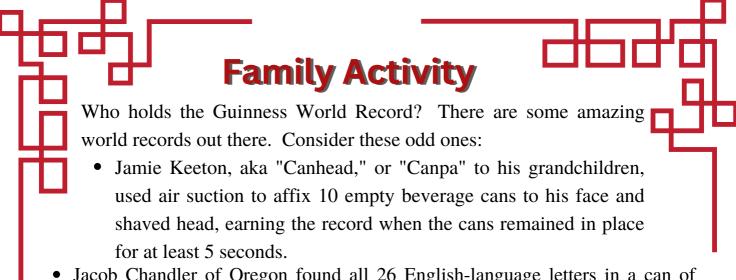
Old Town Road (pt. 3: Capernaum)

This year, we are focusing on how life brings us to "crossroads." These crossroads bring spiritual, emotional, mental, physical, and social challenges. Which way should we go? What should we do? Such questions leave us in great uncertainty on what is best for us and those we love. We are going to journey in 2023 through various sermon series on Bible passages where the characters in the story come to different types of crossroads. Here, we will find ourselves evaluating the options before them and before us. We will also explore how we can help others at pivotal times in their journeys, supporting them as they seek faith and meaning in the decisions and circumstances they face.

In this packet, you will find a few additional resources that will help you to further evaluate how to process the crossroads in your life, your family, and your faith community. These extra activities are not meant to be a spiritual formality on your weekly to do list. Rather, they are optional ways that you can consider as you walk through life. Only do what is helpful to you as you walk with Jesus each week. I'll meet you at the crossroads.







- Jacob Chandler of Oregon found all 26 English-language letters in a can of alphabet soup and placed them in order in 2 minutes and 8.6 seconds after researching unusual Guinness World Records to impress his son, Brycen.
- Iron-stomached California man Gregory Foster ate 10 Carolina reaper chilies -- the hottest peppers in the world -- in 33.15 seconds.
- Serial record-breaker David Rush earned his 250th Guinness World Records title when he used the breath in his lungs to blow a pea a distance of 84 feet and 11.28 inches across a level floor.
- Lim Kai Yi of Butterworth, Malaysia, put his award-winning puzzle solving skills to an unusual test when he took a fully-disassembled Mr. Potato Head toy and put all of the pieces in the proper spots in 5.43 seconds.

Consider setting up your own family world record contests. Be creative. Have fun. Remember that greatness is more about accepting others than winning!

Connecting with Others

Pick a people group that is socially marginalized or shunned by others. Then, read an age-appropriate book about that people group. Then, consider reaching out to someone in that people group and asking them to share about their experiences. Be sure to thank them for opening up to you about their life experiences.

Here is a partial list of people groups you might consider learning about:

- physically handicapped
- another race or nationality
- a different age bracket
- someone from another country
- person with mental disorder
- person with incurable disease
- an LGBTQ+ individual
- a former prisoner
- someone who is blind or deaf
- person missing an arm or leg
- someone with a learning

disability or sensory issue