Growing FAITH at home

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Jesus teaches about serving

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Sunday between
October 16 and October 22

CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Share about a time when you felt important.
2. Who do you know that is important? In your town, city, country? Why?
3. What makes someone great/important in God's kingdom? (Read Mark 10:43)
4. How did Jesus make himself the 'slave of all'? In what ways can we follow his example?

BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	**Mark 10:35-45**	The Son of Man came to serve
M	**Isaiah 53:4-12**	Suffering servant song
T	**Hebrews 5:1-10**	Jesus the great high priest
W	**Numbers 12:1-9**	Moses is a servant of the Lord
T	**Galatians 5:13-15**	Serve one another in love
F	**1 Peter 4:7-11**	Use your gifts to serve others
S	**Psalm 91:9-16**	God's protection

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Even the Son of Man did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others. He came to give his life as the price for setting many people free".

MARK 10:45

CREATIVE RESPONSE

Read Mark 10:33-37. Obviously, James and John were not listening to the words of Jesus that spoke of his suffering and death. Sometimes we only hear what we want to hear without listening to others, including God. A valuable Christian tradition is to sit in silence and listen for how God speaks to us.

Take time this week to sit in silence and listen for how God wants to speak to you. Use the words from Mark 10:45 ("He came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many") to read slowly, quietly and thoughtfully during this time.

ACTION RESPONSE

The very best way to learn the value of service is to do it! Here are some ideas to serve as a family this week:

- Engage your children in serving others together with you, whether inside or outside the home (eg; weed a garden, bake biscuits, visit an elderly neighbour)
- Look at the talents of the people in your family and help them to find ways to use these gifts to serve others.
- Take advantage of service opportunities offered through your church, school or local community
- Talk with each other about experiences of serving and being served. Draw connections between your faith and your actions.
- Help each other know how Christ serves us, and calls us, in turn to serve others.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, you fill each cup, you fill each plate. Help us your love to imitate. Amen.

PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for serving us. Teach us how to serve others from the heart. Amen

BLESSING

May you know the love of Jesus, your Saviour. May you grow in serving others, reflecting the heart of Jesus.