



# HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

Serve God. Love People. Make Disciples.



To our Amazing Parish,

Jesus' call to humility and servanthood was as counter cultural in the first century A.D. as it is today. It is natural for human beings to seek the power and glory that comes with being "first." Many of us spend tremendous amounts of time and energy striving for position and power, polishing our reputations, and doing whatever else might help us to become Number One.

Yet Jesus invites us into a new way of living, a whole new value system based on the kingdom of God. In this upside-down reality, humility, servanthood, and self-sacrifice lie along the ironic path to greatness. We who follow Jesus today are called to this new way of being, which impacts every relationship and situation in our lives.

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:** How could you follow the call of Jesus to servanthood in your workplace? At home? In your church? In your neighborhood?

**PRAYER:** Gracious Lord, you know how much a part of me wants to be "first." I'm not too much different from your first disciples. And I'm quite sure my desire for position and reputation often gets in the way of my ability to follow you. Forgive me, Lord.

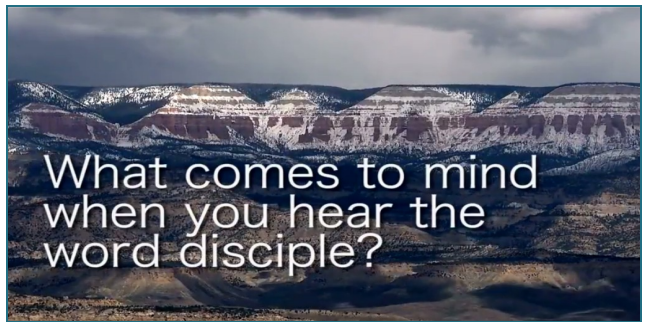
Help me, by your grace, to desire the "firstness" that matters most in your kingdom. Teach me to be a servant of all who are in my life. Help me, Lord, to serve my family, my colleagues, my sisters and brothers in church, my fellow citizens. Free me from the need to prove myself, so that I might live my whole life for you and your glory. *Amen.*  
(If First, Then Last, The High Calling)

God Bless you as you continue journeying!

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