

STUDY GUIDE:

Success

Discussion Starters

1. In terms of successful people, who do you look up to?
2. What have you learned from these successful people in a practical sense?
3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASB, but the word you are trying to define is the Hebrew word translated by the NASB—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

--“great” (Matthew 20:25)—

--“servant” (Matthew 20:26)—

--“first” (Matthew 20:27)—

--“slave” (Matthew 20:27)—

--“ransom” (Matthew 20:28)—

--“humbled” (Matthew 23:12)—

--“follow” (John 12:26)—

--“godliness” (1 Timothy 4:7)—

--“servant” (2 Timothy 2:24)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

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5. What is the difference between a servant and a slave in Matthew 20:26-27?

6. What are your thoughts towards Jesus asking us to be servants in light of today's culture?

7. Based on these passages, explain how to become a servant that Jesus describes.

Taking It Home

1. Take some time to reflect on the areas in your life where God is calling you to serve. Are you willing to do this?

2. Describe the various ways we can serve each other, serve our church together, serve our community together.

3. What do we need to do to be examples of servants to those around us, whether they are disciples of Jesus or not?