



## Life Group Study Notes

### New Sanctuary Celebration: Stand and Serve!

Dr. Rice Brooks - March 26, 2017

#### Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What has been one of your most enjoyable ways to serve others?
- What form of service provided to you by others do you especially appreciate?
- Who is one of the best examples that you know who demonstrates the spirit of service?

#### Word (10-15 minutes)

Sermons can be heard online at [www.bethelworld.org](http://www.bethelworld.org).

Luke 22:24-34 (ESV) *A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. "You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."*

- Jesus, the greatest of all people who have ever lived, came into this world with a heart to serve. This is to be our attitude as well. It is the path to greatness in the eyes of God. The greatest service we can render is in the cause of the Gospel. We are to bring the message of Jesus to all people and to all nations. We are to make disciples and develop leaders.
- Jesus stood firm in the midst of his trials, and honored his disciples for also standing with him. Even though he knew they would soon run in fear at his arrest, he nevertheless appreciated their loyalty and faithfulness up to this point. God calls us to also stand firm in the faith and not give in to the pressures that come that seek to push us away from our God and our godly commitments.
- Jesus prayed for his disciples. He prayed specifically for Peter to not lose his faith. He knew Peter would have a moment of failure, but he also knew that Peter would turn back. Jesus said Peter was to strengthen his brothers after he turned back, because they too would fail. We must also pray for one another, and be gracious to each other if we ever fail.

**Discussion (10-15 minutes)**

**Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.**

- Reflect upon and describe the spirit of service that Jesus demonstrated with his life and ministry. What do you find most inspiring about Jesus' service?
- Is God calling you to increase the level of service you currently engage in? In what way?
- What are you currently facing that requires you to stand and be loyal and faithful to God and to your godly commitments?

**Prayer (10-15 minutes)**

**Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.**

- Thank Jesus for laying down his life as a servant for us.
- Ask God to show you how you can become a greater servant.
- Ask God to show you who needs your prayers so that they might stand and be faithful, and not fail or fall away from God.