Lesson 5: Jesus and… Greatness
Luke 22:23-27

“They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles Lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.”

1. Begin by reading the selected text. Once finished as a group, ask students to review the verses above (20-22). What is going on?

2. The disciples begin by disputing who in the group is the greatest. What might they have said to try and prove their greatness?

3. Even today we have this argument. In what ways do we compare our greatness to others?

4. In this passage, the kings of the gentiles (non-Jews/God believers) do what with their power?

5. How does Jesus command his followers to use their authority?

6. In all of his greatness, why do you believe Jesus is “among us as one who serves.”?

7. In what ways does this passage challenge the way you think about your interactions with those around you?