



## Today's Message

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Title: *Living Like the Kingdom Is Our Home*

Text: Luke 22:24–30 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, <sup>29</sup> and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup> that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Introduction: The scene is still the upper room where Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples. The blessings of hindsight deepens the offensiveness of what we see: the disciples bickered with a spirit of contentious rivalry, vying for position in the Kingdom. Ironically, they had missed the example of their Leader who presented them with the ultimate symbols of humility: the bread and the cup. Jesus did not chide them but called them away from the world's values. Instead, he called them to embrace servant-leadership. This is the path for citizens of his future kingdom.

**Today's take-home truth: Do not pursue self-promotion as the pagans do, but humbly serve others and Jesus will reward you in due time.**

- I. Jesus forbids proud rivalry among his followers. 24**
- II. Instead, Jesus requires his followers to serve others with humility. 25-27**
  - A. Jesus requires his followers to reject the practices and motives of pagan leadership. 25-26a
  - B. Jesus calls his followers to embrace humble service. 26b
  - C. Jesus sets the example his followers must follow. 27
- III. Jesus promises great reward to those who serve him thus. 28-30**
  - A. Jesus' promises belong to those who persevere with him. 28
  - B. For them, Jesus secures them a place in his future kingdom. 29
  - C. To them, Jesus promises the blessings of fellowship: 30
    - 1. The fellowship of his presence.
    - 2. The fellowship of his reign.