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UPSIDE-DOWN SUCCESS
MATTHEW 20:17-28

Introduction: What Did I Sign Up For?

Jesus' Definition of Success

**Big Idea: Success in God's Kingdom is in service and submission,
not in power or position.**

Our Definition of Success

Jesus' Challenge For Us

*A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)*

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Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. *Who is someone that you think of as very successful? What makes them successful in your opinion?*
2. *Spend some time sharing about how "success" is defined in different parts of your life (in your job, in your family, in extra-curriculars, etc). How do these definitions of success compare to Jesus' definition of success?*
3. *We said that just like the disciples, we are so enculturated by how the world around us defines success, we don't even notice it. What are some ways you might be held captive to the world's definition of success?*
4. *Reconsider Jesus' definition of success (service and submission instead of power and position) and spend some time sharing what that would look like in your life (again- at home, at work, here at Harbor, etc)*
5. *We need God's help to be like Jesus. We need God's help to look at service as success. So, close your time together by asking God to help you take on the posture of a servant- to be constantly asking "how can I serve?"*

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

1. Talk: To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

2. Look Back (session 2+)

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

3. Read & Re-tell

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

4. Look

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

5. Look again

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

6. Inside me

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

7. Who else?

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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