

Becoming the Least – Luke 22:24-30

Starter – sharing our stories.

Invite someone else to share in detail (for 5-10 mins) about their frontline.

What challenges do they face there?

What might 'bearing fruit' on their frontline look like?

Where do they see God at work? Are there any stories of that to share?

How can you pray for them?

Briefly pray for them as you begin the session

Read Luke 22:24-40 through together and then have a couple of minutes silence, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

This passage takes place at the last supper (more detail in John 13 where Jesus washes the disciples feet).

- Where do you see around you a competitive world where humility is often undervalued? Why do you think this is?
- How is 'living the Kingdom Way' – Jesus' Way - different to the way of the world? (v25-27)
 - How did Jesus live this out?
 - What might it look like for us to live this out in our lives in the places we find ourselves?

Why was Jesus able to live differently like this? (See John 13:3-4)

Judith in her sermon identifies 2 key aspects of Jesus which helped him live in humility – his **intimacy** with his Father and his **security** in who he was.

She says 'Intimacy with God led to security... security led to humility'

- Do we know intimacy with God? Do we honestly know that we are deeply loved and a precious child of God? How does this help us live more in humility?
- Where is our security? What do we put our security in? Where do we find 'our significance' (in our jobs, titles, ministries, roles... or in God)? How does this affect our behaviour?

Prayer and response

In a time of quiet, be open to God and ask him to show you what he wants to say to you through this passage.

- a) Are you, like the disciples, being competitive and striving for significance in different areas of your life rather than finding significance in God?
- b) Where may God be calling you to live 'the Kingdom Way' in this area? What might that look like?

Share any thoughts you would like to with others and pray for each other.

Pray together for the CAP (Christians Against Poverty) documentary '**The Debt Saviours**' being shown on Friday 5th October at 9pm on BBC2

As we look to launch the Malvern CAP centre in the coming months pray that

- The documentary would spark conversations around faith and encourage people to connect with their local church
- People, and churches, would be inspired to get involved in supporting, giving to and praying for, Malvern CAP.
- Those watching who are struggling with debt, poverty and its causes would find the courage to seek the help they need
- That God would be glorified by this programme being aired.