

PROPER 20

YEAR B

Following Jesus involves serving others





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Sunday between September 18 and September 24



Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. Talk about a time when you wanted to be first in something.
- 2. What does it mean to you when Jesus said that following him involves putting the needs of others ahead of our own wants?
- 3. In what ways do you serve others in Jesus' name? How has serving others made a difference in your life?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is greatest
M	Jeremiah 11:18-20 Plot to kill Jeremiah	
Т	James 3:13-4:8a	Wisdom from above
W	2 Kings 5:1-14	A girl saves her master
Т	Luke 14:7-14	Humility and hospitality
F	Isaiah 42:1-9	A servant song
S	Psalm 54	A cry to God for help

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

MARK 9:35





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus said 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me' (Mark 9:36).

In your home this week, make a special point of praying by name for children in your church, school and neighbourhood. Ask for God's help to welcome them with the heart and spirit of Jesus.



MEALTIME PRAYER

You nourish us with food, O God, for body and for soul. May love and kindness be our thanks and service be our goal. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, please teach us to put others before ourselves and to know the joy of serving you. Amen



ACTION RESPONSE

Jesus said to his disciples 'Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else'.

Make a list of ways you can be servants to one another in your home this week or as a family how you can serve together another family who could use your help.



BLESSING

May the Lord give you a pure heart; may God make you peaceful, gentle, and willing to care for others with mercy.