How to Be Great

John 13:1-17

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Is not occupying a position of power ...

But humbly serving others.

A. The Disciples' Expectation

- 1. After Jesus' death ...
- 2. Acts 1:6
- 3. Before Jesus' death ...
- 4. They did not understand ...
- 5. Our Expectations ...

B. Lobbying for Position

- 1. Luke 22:24
- 2. Mark 9:33-34
- 3. Matthew 20:20-24
- 4. Can you imagine the reactions?
- 5. We are all guilty of wanting to be the most important person in the group.
- 6. God doesn't measure people by ...

C. What Jesus Taught. Matt. 20:25-28

To be great, you must be a slave of others.

- D. What Jesus Modeled. John 13:4-5
 - 1. Humble apparel. 13:4

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- 1. Command to duplicate. 2:5
- 2. His prior existence. 2:6
- 3. His refusal to hang on to His position.
- 4. His emptying of self. 2:7
- 5. His taking the form of a slave.
- 6. His being made like a man.
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- 1. Do you understand what I've done? 12
- 2. You acknowledge I am Teacher and Lord. 13
- 3. You ought to do what I've done. 14
- 4. I've given you an example. 15
- 5. A slave is not greater than his master. 16
- 6. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them! 17

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