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Status is determined by:

How You See Yourself

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- Don't forget who Jesus is.
  - "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1).
  - Jesus is God
  - Jesus became human.
    - "5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:5-8).
    - "Precisely because he was in the form of God he reckoned equality with God not as a matter of getting but of giving" (O'Brien, *The Epistle to the Philippians*, 214).
  - Jesus willingly died.
- How do you see yourself?

### What You Do

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- Don't forget what Jesus did.
  - The disciples are arguing over greatness.
  - Jesus served.
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### Who You Serve

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- Don't forget who Jesus served.
  - "10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the

Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'" (Matthew 9:10-11).

- Jesus came to serve the last not the first!
- Who do you serve?

Status in the kingdom of God is determined not by the world's standard but by Jesus' standard.

- How do you see yourself?
- What do you do?
- Who do you serve?