

Friday, Week 3: Mark 9:35

He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (NRSV)

1. Jesus' birth in a borrowed stable was not what one would expect for the arrival of a King. As you reflect on this particular teaching – that whoever wants to be first must be servant of all – what is most surprising to you?

2. Jesus not only taught his disciples about the need to serve others, he lived it out daily before them. How can you model the attitude and actions of a servant?

3. Joy awaits those who risk everything to follow Jesus' teaching and example. Reflect on the joy you have experienced since determining to follow Jesus. How might you share this joy with someone today?



Everlasting Father: Thank you for the joy I have known since following Jesus. Help me to follow him, even in the hard things. Help me to share the joy that comes from relationship with you, with someone else who needs your joy in their life this Christmas. Amen.