



## I Know a Guy – Week 3 Group Guide – He Doesn't Look Out for Himself

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take a next spiritual step, contact us at [info@wschurch.org](mailto:info@wschurch.org). If you are a group leader, you'll receive communication with specific instructions during this series. Have questions? Email [DerekV@wschurch.org](mailto:DerekV@wschurch.org).

### Introduction and Icebreaker (10 minutes) – Choose 1 or 2 questions and make sure you hear something from everyone.

- Introduce yourself (remind one another of names!) and tell us one award you've received (either as a kid or as an adult).
- Quickly share: what's one thing everyone knows about you and one thing very few people know about you?
- Who is one person you know who is an example of serving others?

### Message and Scripture Discussion (30 minutes)

- **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- In the message, Eddie encouraged us to imitate Jesus in living as servants. He shared that "nothing ruins a team like a self-centered player." **Have you seen this to be true? How so?**
- **Read the account between Jesus and some of his disciples in Mark 10:32-45.** Have someone from your group read it out loud.
  - What do you notice about Jesus?
  - What do you notice about James and John and the other disciples?
  - What is your reaction to this scene? How does it challenge you?
- Eddie shared that "servanthood is hard to desire." **Why is it hard for you to want to serve?**
- Look at the two paths Eddie encouraged us to take toward servanthood:
  - More trusting and less trying. Trying requires confidence in yourself. Trusting requires confidence in Christ.
  - Redefine success. According to Jesus, success is serving.

**Is there one of these paths that you sense you need to embrace? What would taking a step in that direction look like this week?**

- **How does imitating Jesus' example of service impact our relationships?**
- Is there anything else from the message you want to explore this week?

### Daily Time With Jesus Debrief (30 minutes)

Invite your group to share about their time with Jesus from the past week and any notes they made in their book.

- **Open your book to page 33.**  
Invite your group to share their observations and reflections on the questions:
  - **How did Jesus interact with people?**
  - **How have I interacted with people this week?**
- **Open your book to the Life-Changing Friendships section on pages 17-24.**  
Is there anything you want to share as you've been reflecting on your relationship circles?  
If you haven't spent much time here yet, explore it more this week.

### Group Logistics (8 minutes)

Walk through several important details for your group.

- **Daily Time with Jesus:** Encourage them to keep going. If you've not done this so far, it's not too late to jump in!
- **Life-Changing Friendship Reflection** – Encourage them to work through a few of the questions this week.
- **What's Next?** Start to get a sense of what your group members might want to do after this session ends. We've provided more guidance in your leader notes.

### Prayer (8 minutes)

- Invite a few group members to pray out loud as you close your group time. Invite Jesus to shape you into his likeness as servants.

To find all of the series information, go to [www.wschurch.org/iknowaguy](http://www.wschurch.org/iknowaguy).

You can sign up for daily text devotions by texting JESUS to 217217 or by going to [www.wschurch.org/txtsignup](http://www.wschurch.org/txtsignup). These devotions correspond with the daily time with Jesus in your book.

### Message Main Points and Scripture:

- **We are at our best, not when we win, but when we serve.**
- Philippians 2:3-5 – “Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.”
- Mark 10:35-37 - Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do us a favor.” “What is your request?” he asked. They replied, “When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.”
- Mark 10:38 - But Jesus said to them, “You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?” “Oh yes,” they replied, “we are able!”
- Matthew 16:24 - “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.”
- **The primary qualification for a disciple of Jesus is the willingness to serve.**
- Mark 10:41 - When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant.
- **Servanthood is hard to desire.**
- Mark 10:42 - So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- **More trusting and less trying.**
- **Big effort is a poor substitute for big faith.**
- Mark 10:45 - “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- John 15:5 - “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”
- **God is your helper.**
- **Redefine success.**
- Romans 12:1 - And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.
- **Success is serving.**