



Values Bible Study: **Serve**

Start with a time of prayer and worship.

Icebreaker: What is your favourite job(s) to do around the house and which job(s) do you hate doing?

Our **Serve** value states: *We're working to make a real difference in Liverpool and beyond, especially for those in need.*

- Why is this value important for St James?
- Why is this value important for you?

What might our **Serve** value look like practically? (Suggestions could be: making Sundays at church a priority; time during the week spent with God).

Read and reflect on Luke 19:11-27. Use any of the following questions to help you as a group to get to grips with what this passage means for your group today:

- What are your initial reactions to this passage?
 - Is there anything you don't understand?
 - What verse or verses jump out at you?
- What do you find the hardest thing about the passage?
- 19:11-15 – Why is it important that the king goes away?
 - What does the king want to know when he comes back?
- 19:16-19 – What did the first two servants show?
 - What was their reward?
- 19:20-27 – Those who reject the king also get rejected.
 - How does this fit with our image of Jesus?
- Overall, what does this passage tell us about:
 - God?
 - Humanity/us?
- What are your gifts (spiritual and practical)?
 - How are you using them to help build God's kingdom?
 - How are you using them at St James?
- If you could serve in any way you wanted at St James, what would it be?
 - Are there any ways you are serving that you want to stop so that you can serve in a different way?
 - What can you do about it – who do you need to talk to?

What could you practically do to change at work, with friends and family, and in church off the back of this passage?

What one thing do you need God to help you to do to serve him, his church, and his kingdom better?

How can you keep each other accountable for these things when you next meet?

Share prayer requests and pray to finish.