



## **Week 6: February 14-20**

**Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)**

**Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer**

**Share the Vision (2 minutes):** Disciple making is the process that disciple-makers engage in when they invest into the lives of those God calls them to disciple.

**Hook Question (5 minutes):** When was a time you were caught off guard by something? How did you respond?

**Ask someone to read the background for the story (2 minutes):**

Servanthood (slavery) was common throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, God gave a specific set of rules for masters and slaves. When followed, these rules helped develop good masters were developed. Unfortunately, these rules were not followed more times than not which lead to many unrighteous masters in Israel.

In the New Testament, Rome was in power. About fifty percent of people who lived in the Roman Empire were slaves. Romans were not known as righteous masters since they harmed those who did not obey them.

Throughout Biblical times, it was not uncommon for a master to leave his home and entrust his possessions to his servants. When this happened, the servants did not always know when their master would return. This meant they must be diligent in their work. If they were good servants, their master would be pleased upon his return. If they were not good servants, they would often be cast out, imprisoned, or even put to death.

Jesus wanted His disciples to know who a true follower (servant) of Christ was and who was not. He did not want them to become confused when people turned from His teachings once He left. To do this He taught them what a good servant would do as opposed to a bad servant. This is where our story begins...

**Tell the story from Matthew 24:45-51 (12 Minutes for section):** Change the storyteller often.

**Rebuild the Story:** Group members retell the story as well as possible.

**Read the story from Matthew 24:45-51:** Ask the group to read these verses.

**Discussion Questions: Learn to talk about God's word with others.**

- What do you like or dislike about this story?
- What does this story teach you about yourself or people in general?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- How is the Holy Spirit challenging you through this story?

*Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.*