

# BE GREAT

THE UNEXPECTED PATH TOWARD GREATNESS

## WELCOME TO VALLEY

## NOVEMBER 2 & 3

We are so glad you could celebrate with us today. If you are new to Valley, visit the Welcome Center for refreshments and a **Meet and Greet**. We'd love to meet you and give you a gift.

### **BAPTISM ON THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7 & 8!**

Whether you've been a Christian for a couple of weeks or a couple of decades, baptism is your next step! To participate, attend a meeting in November. Classes for students are held November 17 & 24 at 10:45 am. Adult classes are Saturdays, November 9, 16, & 23 at 6:45 pm and Sundays, November 10, 17, & 24 after each worship gathering. Sign up on the community card, or visit [valley.church/baptism](http://valley.church/baptism).

**Celebration of Thanks** (Sunday, November 24 | 6:30-8 pm)  
Valley Church presents a special Thanksgiving Celebration event for the whole family. We will also be having baptisms for students 1st-5th grade. Bring your Operation Christmas Child Boxes!

### **Parenting in a Tech-Savvy World**

How do we help our kids make good choices with technology? Join us on Wednesday, November 13, from 6:30-8 pm in the Chapel as we discuss and equip you with several tips and tricks that help any parent become more aware and active in the digital conversation.

### **Night to Shine**

We are excited to be hosting Night to Shine again, for those 14+ with special needs, on February 7, 2020! Registration is live for guests and volunteers, so sign up today. Go to [valley.church/nighttoshine](http://valley.church/nighttoshine) to register.

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## **AMBITION THAT KILLS YOUR MISSION**

MATTHEW 20:17-28, 23:11-12

We should not fear \_\_\_\_\_,  
we should fear \_\_\_\_\_  
at the \_\_\_\_\_.

We are never \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus  
than when we are \_\_\_\_\_.



# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

## SHARE

1. During your school years, what role did you typically take in group projects?
2. Who is the greatest fictional president from a book, movie, or television show?

## STUDY

3. What is a significant takeaway that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
4. Think about a person who has positively impacted your life. What was it about that type of leadership that made him or her special?
5. Read Matthew 20:20-24. What did the disciples see as the ultimate mark of greatness? Why do you think the other disciples were indignant with James and John?
6. Read Matthew 20:25-28. How do you see Jesus contrasting culture's limited perception of greatness with true greatness from an eternal perspective?

## DIGGING DEEPER

7. Read John 13:1-17. Pastor Brandon stated, "You're never more like Jesus than when you're serving." How do we see that statement supported in this passage?

### Community Bridges Parties

Would you like to have stronger connections with your neighbors and your community? Join our Community Bridges Team on the second Sunday of every month, starting Sunday, November 10, at 11am to discuss simple ways to reach the people around you and begin building bridges. Stop by the party (no registration required) or email Lisa at [lisal@valleycommunitycenterdm.com](mailto:lisal@valleycommunitycenterdm.com).

### Valley Community Center Activities

Invite a neighbor, friend, or co-worker and join us for a bunch of FREE classes and activities for our community on Friday, November 15, including a Pancake Breakfast from 8:30-10 am and Bounce House Party from 3-6 pm! Visit [valleycommunitycenterdm.com](http://valleycommunitycenterdm.com) for the full schedule of activities. #loveyoudsm

8. Why did Peter abruptly change his mind in verses 6-11? Why are Christ's words to Peter good news to us today?
9. Share a situation when you've found yourself unwilling to do something Jesus likely would've done if he were in your shoes. What are some examples of everyday ways we can serve today that are an equivalent to washing feet in the first century?
10. Jesus was in a position of authority (vv. 3, 14), but chose an action of humility. How different would our world be if we viewed positions of authority as positions of service?

## SUPPORT

11. Think about someone in your sphere of influence. What is one thing you can do this week to leverage your leadership for that person's benefit? How can this group support you?

## SERVE

If you'd like more information about these opportunities, email [serve@valley.church](mailto:serve@valley.church).

- Host a mini-block party this fall – s'mores outside or apple treats inside
- Christmas Dinner for Internationals – Sunday, December 15

### Operation Christmas Child

This is your chance to bring joy and the gospel message to a child in need by filling shoe box gifts. Mark your calendars to pick up a box next week and/or attend the Valley Community Center Packing Party on Sunday, November 24, from 4:30-6:30 pm. For families and individuals with special needs, packing is from 3-4 pm. Everyone is invited to this free event!

### Valley Community Center Volunteers

Connect with Valley Community Center guests and meet new friends as you serve! We're looking for volunteers to serve as Welcome Hosts in our entryway and Baristas at the Maplenol Cafe (we'll provide the training). If you're interested, sign up on the community card or email Lisa at [lisal@valleycommunitycenterdm.com](mailto:lisal@valleycommunitycenterdm.com).