

Weekly Study Guide: Discerning the Word

"But you are not to be like that..." — Luke 22:26

How to Identify "Twisted" Scripture

Use these three "filters" this week as you read Scripture, engage in discussions, or listen to teaching. These help ensure we are following the heart of Jesus rather than our own preferences.

The Filter	The Question to Ask
The "Whole Gospel" Filter	Does this interpretation align with the life of Jesus and the command to love my neighbor, or is it a single verse taken out of context?
The "Mirror" Filter	Is this Scripture challenging me to change my heart, or is it just confirming my existing political or personal biases?
The "Service" Filter	Does this teaching encourage me to serve the marginalized, or does it give me an excuse to feel superior to them?

Personal Reflection

1. In Luke 22:26, Jesus says, *"The greatest among you should be like the youngest."* In the ancient world, children had no social status. Who is one person in your life who is "overlooked" that you can intentionally serve this week?
2. When you feel the urge to "be right" or "be first" in a conversation, how can you practice the "upside-down" leadership of Jesus in that moment?

A Note for the Week: True greatness isn't about who is at the top of the ladder; it's about who is closest to the floor, serving the very people Jesus died for.