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The Need for God

Devotional

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1 Start Up

Place a six-foot table in the front of your meeting room. Cover it with objects like a flashlight, a mirror, a pen or pencil, a Hershey bar, notebook paper, a hammer, a nail, and other odds and ends. To begin your meeting, announce that you will have a "One Minute Run," where you will call a student up front and he or she is to pick up one of the objects and explain how it illustrates a Bible truth. ("This flashlight reminds me that Jesus is the light of the world...") After one minute is up, blow the whistle and call another student up to the table. Give each person about 30 seconds to look over the table while you make a few announcements. That will give them time to get their creative juices flowing.

2 Get Focused

After the game is over, have the students sit in a circle and ask them to talk about one of their most embarrassing moments. (You might have to start just to get the ball rolling.) When everyone is finished, begin a discussion on Heaven and ask each student what

comes to mind when he or she thinks about it: golden streets, beautiful rivers, exquisite food? Once everyone has a good picture in their mind, ask them what it must have been like for Jesus to leave that place in order to come down to Earth and live as a human. What sorts of things did He have to get used to? What did he lack while here on Earth that He once had in Heaven? With what types of emotions must He have struggled?

Mark 10:43-45 (The Message//Remix)

"Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage."

- 1) What must one do to become great? What does it mean specifically to become someone's *servant*? What does it mean to become someone's *slave*?
- 2) Jesus became a *slave* to humanity. He became a *servant* to the people. How was this different from the position he held in Heaven?
- 3) Finally, Jesus gave away His very life for those in bondage. How did humility play a part in Jesus' actions?

3 Wind Down

Play the song, "Ready Now," for your students and discuss with them the meaning of humility. In what sort of ways does humbling ourselves prepare us to be used by God? What kinds of things do we sacrifice when we decide to humble ourselves? Go through the lyrics of the song with your group and ask them to come up with specific examples of "surrender" in our everyday lives. When God "takes our heart," as the song says, how might that affect us? When God takes our hands, what does that really look like day-to-day? What sort of things might keep us from humbling ourselves before God? Why should we even want to humble ourselves? Can we be honest with God about our reluctance to surrender? How so? Close your meeting by praying for your students' hearts to be softened toward God and moved closer to a place of humility.