

Scripture this week:

Mark 10:32-45

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." ³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Here We Go Again

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In our text today, Jesus returns to a theme He has already developed, because it's really important.

The Context: Jesus is going to die. The ultimate act of humble service.

The Point: Those who follow Jesus humbly serve others. It's a big deal.

- The temptation to find our identity in status is powerful.
- Those interested in status don't understand what Jesus did.
- We all wrestle with it.
- Finding significance in status is what folks who don't know Jesus do.
- Followers of Jesus humbly serve.
- Jesus is our ultimate example.

Pre-Life Group Study Questions:

Notes:

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What does the text mean?

1. How would you summarize the big ideas of Mark thus far in Chapter 10?
2. In verses 32-34 Jesus speaks of His death for a third time. As you compare this statement with the first two (8:31 & 9:30-31), what new information are you provided with?
3. What is significant about Jesus "*walking ahead of them*?" Why were the disciples "*amazed*" and the other followers "*afraid*"?
4. Explain why James and John ask to sit at Jesus' right and left? How might it show faith? How might it show pride? What evidence is in the text to support your answers?
5. In Jesus' response, what is the most important idea Jesus is trying to teach James and John about the pathway to greatness in the kingdom?
6. What does "*lord it over*" mean in v. 42? In what way would this contrast how Jesus lived His life?
7. How does v. 45 tell us about the "*why*" of Jesus' death in connection to vv. 32-34?
8. In what way was the death of Jesus Christ a "*ransom*"? Who does Jesus say it is for? From what are they ransomed?
9. How would you paraphrase Mark's big idea in 10:32-45?

How does it apply?

1. What are the ways we typically think of service, giving, or humility? How can we expand this principle into all areas of life?
2. What do you learn from this passage about the pathway to greatness in the Kingdom? How should it form the model for our lives now? Where do you see a need for growth in your life?
3. How do you think you would be described if those under your "*authority*" were asked about how you lead?
4. Imagine you were one of the other disciples overhearing James and John asking for the most prominent roles in the kingdom of God. What would your reaction have been? How should we react today when we encounter a other Christians who seek what appear to be selfish goals, in whatever form that may look like? What can we as a group do to support one another regarding this scenario?