

Growth Group Bible Study

Moving Toward Maturity: Becoming a Fully Devoted
Follower of Jesus Sermon Series
Seeking to Serve



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Reading Mark 10:35-45

Opening Questions

1. What is the “social pecking order” in our culture today (i.e. who “ranks” most important and who least)?
2. What is the best service you have received at a store or from a service company or business?
3. What act of service for you do you recall as a blessing and what act of service can you recall from you that blessed others?
4. What tend to be the barriers for us in serving others for our Savior?

Study

1. When James and John approached Jesus in 10:35 with a request, what does Jesus’ response tell us in 10:36 about making “blind promises” to people?
2. Based on Matt. 19:27-28, what is behind the request of James and John?
3. What spirit or attitude behind their request can we tend to echo in our lives?
4. When Jesus refers to “drinking the cup that I drink” and “being baptized” (10:39) what is He referring to? Read Mark 10:33-34 and Luke 12:50

5. What is the response of the other 10 disciples to James and John's request of Jesus in 10:41? How does this reflect an on-going issue between the disciples? cf. Mark 9:33-35; Luke 22:24
6. How would you summarize the key lesson Jesus teaches the disciples (and us!) in 10:42-44?
7. As Jesus points to Himself in 10:45 as THE example of being a servant, how has He shown that? cf. Phil. 2:5-8; 1 Peter 2:24; Luke 22:27
8. Read John 13:1-5, 12-15. How does Jesus demonstrate servanthood? How does this show us that we "seek to serve by seeing the Savior"? Give other examples of Jesus modeling service of others.
9. We also develop in seeking to serve by: sacrificing self, knowing where our power comes from and by remembering whom we ultimately serve. What do those points mean for you as a servant of the Savior? cf. Phil. 2:3-4; 2 Cor. 3:6; 1 Peter 4:11 and Col. 3:23-24
10. What specific actions and attitudes can we engage in and have that serve others as we serve our Savior? Be specific!

Application

1. Consider starting your day with the prayer, "Lord Jesus, as it would please you, bring me someone today who I can serve" and see what God does!