

SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS DEMONSTRATION OF TRUE GREATNESS

Mark 10:32-34

BIG IDEA: Jesus demonstrates true greatness by serving and giving his life as a ransom for many.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Think of a person you admire for being “great.” What qualities or achievements made you see them that way?

EXPLORE

What details in Mark’s description of the journey to Jerusalem show Jesus’ determination to go to the cross (vv. 32-34)?

What does the request of James and John reveal about how the disciples were thinking about greatness (vv. 35–37)?

How does Jesus contrast the way greatness works in the world with the way it works in God’s kingdom (42–44)?

In verse 45, what does Jesus reveal about his identity, mission, and purpose when he says the Son of Man came “to give his life as a ransom for many”?

APPLY

Where do you see the world’s definition of greatness (power, recognition, status) influencing your own thinking or desires?

How might Jesus’ definition of greatness—serving others rather than being served—change the way you approach relationships, leadership, or opportunities to help others?

When you think about Jesus giving his life as a ransom for many, what stirs in your heart most: gratitude, humility, relief, worship, or something else? Why?

COMMIT

Dig deeper into Jesus’ demonstration of true greatness and compare Mark 10 with Isaiah 53 and Philippians 2.