

Small Group Discussion Prep:

Mark 10:35-45

Preparation for Sunday Worship:

- Pray for God to illuminate the truth of His word and apply it to your own heart.
- Read Mark 10 from start to finish in one sitting
- Read Mark 10:35-45 five additional times

*Optional Deeper Study: Use www.blueletterbible.org for word study

1. Identify at least three key words in this passage? Why are these words important to the meaning of the text?
2. Identify the verbs and find their tense (past, present, etc..) and voice (active / passive / middle)?
3. What conclusions can you draw from the verb tense and voice?
4. Summarize this passage, in your own words, into one sentence.
5. Block Diagram these verses
6. Read 2-3 commentaries on this text.
7. Do an in-depth word study of the key terms you listed.

Monthly REACH Theme: Non-believing Family Member

Memory work

Book Themes:

1 Corinthians – Correction and Condemnation

2 Corinthians – Defense of Apostleship

Galatians – Justification by Faith Alone

Verse:

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Philippians 4:6

Small Group Questions

1. In this encounter, James and John displayed self-centered ambition in several ways (entitlement, pursuit of prominence, overconfidence, etc.). Which of these do you see most clearly in your own heart, and how does it tend to show up in your daily life? 2. In this passage, Jesus contrasts worldly greatness with kingdom greatness. How would you

describe the world's definition of greatness today? In what ways have you been tempted to adopt that definition?

3. Jesus doesn't condemn the exercise of authority in this text, just the misuse of it. How can you tell whether you are using your influence and authority to serve others or to serve yourself? 4. Jesus says greatness is seen in being a servant. What is one specific, concrete way you can practice humble service this week in your home, workplace, or church? 5. Jesus is the perfect model of self-sacrificing service, especially in giving His life as a ransom. How does reflecting on Christ's sacrifice reshape your attitude toward serving others?

Core Questions

- What is God teaching you about Himself from His Word, and how is your life different/changing as a result?
- How have you seen God answering prayer? What are you praying for?
- How is God using you in the process of evangelism to draw people up Himself?
- What sins has God revealed to you so that you might repent of them? In light of grace realities, what must that repentance look like?