



The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

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The King's Road: On the Road to Greatness

Matthew 20:17–34

Small Group Questions

Getting Started

1. When you hear the word **“greatness,”** what normally comes to mind? How does the world's definition of greatness differ from Jesus' definition?
2. Why do you think people naturally desire recognition, influence, or positions of importance?

Following Jesus to the Cross

3. Read Matthew 20:17–19. What does Jesus tell the disciples is waiting for Him in Jerusalem?
4. Why is it significant that Jesus is talking about His coming suffering while James and John are asking for positions of honor?
5. What does this contrast reveal about the difference between what Jesus was focused on and what His disciples were focused on?

Kingdom Greatness

6. Read Matthew 20:20–28. What were James and John seeking from Jesus?
7. Jesus says, **“It shall not be so among you.”** What does He mean by this?
8. What are some ways Christians can be tempted to pursue position, recognition, or influence rather than service?
9. Jesus says that the greatest must be a servant and the first must be a slave. What does servant leadership look like in everyday life?
10. Read Matthew 20:28. How is Jesus Himself the ultimate example of kingdom greatness?

The Last Become First

11. Read Matthew 20:29–34. How did the crowd respond to the two blind men? How did Jesus respond?
12. Why is it significant that Jesus stopped for people whom the crowd apparently considered unimportant?
13. What connection do you see between the blind men, the children in Matthew 19, and Jesus' statement that **“the last will be first”**?

Personal Application

14. Where are you most tempted to seek recognition rather than simply serve?
15. Who is someone in your life who may be overlooked, ignored, or considered insignificant by others? What could it look like for you to serve that person?
16. What is one specific way you can follow Jesus' example of sacrificial service this week?

Prayer Guide

1. A Prayer for Humility

Ask God to reveal areas where you are seeking recognition, position, or personal glory instead of serving others.

Pray:

“Lord, help me desire faithfulness more than recognition. Teach me to be willing to serve even when no one notices.”

2. A Prayer for Sacrificial Service

Ask God to give you the willingness to serve others even when it is inconvenient, uncomfortable, or costly.

Pray:

“Jesus, You came not to be served but to serve and give Your life for others. Give me that same heart of sacrificial service.”

3. A Prayer for Compassion

Ask God to help you see people whom others overlook and respond to their needs with the compassion Jesus demonstrated toward the blind men.

Pray:

“Lord, open my eyes to the people around me who are hurting, overlooked, or in need. Help me stop, listen, and serve as You did.”

4. A Prayer for God's Glory

Ask God to help you live as a servant so that your life points people toward Him rather than toward yourself.

Pray:

“Father, let my service point people to You. May the way I live cause others to see Your goodness and give glory to You.”