

## Message Notes | Encounters with Jesus

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how you \_\_\_\_\_ it.**

→ society's ideas of greatness

→ Jesus is going to Jerusalem - **vs. 32-34**

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→ Jesus predicts what they will endure - **vs. 38-40**

→ Jesus describes what greatness looks like - **vs. 41-44**

**#3 \_\_\_\_\_ is found in being a \_\_\_\_\_.**

→ What can I do to help?

**#4 \_\_\_\_\_ showed us what real \_\_\_\_\_ looks like.**

## Group Questions | Encounters with Jesus

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1. How would the world/society define greatness?

2. Who is a person you know that you would call "great?"

Why do consider that person to be great?

3. **Read Mark 10:32-34.**

How do these verses direct or influence your thoughts about Jesus?  
(Share at least 3 things as a group.)

4. **Read Mark 10:35-40.**

What was going on with James and John? (What were they asking for?  
Why were they so insensitive?)

Have you ever been like James and John? If so, how?

5. **Read Mark 10:41-44.**

If Christians embraced Jesus' words in these verses, what would that  
look like in our world?

If Christians embraced Jesus' words in these verses, how might it change  
the church's reputation in the world?

6. **Read Mark 10:45.**

Share as many examples as you can of how Jesus "served" during his  
time on earth.

7. Imagine how your family, workplace, or church might be different if you  
took on the role and attitude of a servant. As you consider these areas  
of your life, who do you need to ask, "How can I help?"

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→ What can I do to help?

#### #4 Jesus showed us what real greatness looks like.

## Bible Reading for Today

### Mark 10:32-45

<sup>32</sup> They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. <sup>33</sup> “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, <sup>34</sup> who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

<sup>36</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

<sup>37</sup> They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

<sup>38</sup> “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

<sup>39</sup> “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”