

MATTHEW 20 Community Group Questions

Matthew 20:17-28

1—When have you seen the Lord work in your life this past week? When did you feel closest to Christ?

2—Read Matthew 20:17-19. This is the third time Jesus' predicts his death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel. Why do you think Jesus makes this prediction again? Note what happens in the following chapter.

3—Read Matthew 20:20-23. What were your parents' expectations of you? Why do you think James' and John's mother asks this favor of Jesus? When she mentions "your kingdom" in v.21, what do you think she means? How does her view of the kingdom differ from Jesus'?

4—On Sunday, Jimmy defined "the cup" in v.22 as following Jesus wherever he chooses to lead you. What have you found most rewarding regarding drinking the cup of Jesus? What has been the most challenging aspect of drinking the cup of Jesus? Both James and John say they are willing to drink the cup of Jesus (v.22). Do you think they knew what they were agreeing to? Explain.

5—Read Matthew 20:24-28. Why were the other 10 disciples outraged? What do you think Jesus is trying to say to the disciples in these verses? Who are you most embarrassed for in this story? The mother? James and John? The other disciples?

6—In what area of your life do you need to be more of a servant and model the life of Jesus?

7—Which of Sunday's points best resonates with you?

- The kingdom is found in a person, not a position.
- Our desires reflect our heart. (vv.21-22)
- God's plan overrides our wants. (v.23)
- Greatness comes in serving others. (vv.24-27)
- We sacrifice because Christ first sacrificed. (v.28)

8—What are you hearing from the Lord in this story? What from these verses can you apply in your life this week?