

MARK 10:32-45

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Thesis: Be a sacrificial servant by following Jesus' example.

_____ Jesus' example of commitment and courage to face the cross. (Mark 10:32-34)

_____ of seeking glory for self and instead embrace suffering. (Mark 10:35-41)

_____ a sacrificial servant like Jesus, who came to give his life. (Mark 10:42-45)

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³² And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." ³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

- 1) How can Jesus' example of courage inspire you to face suffering and persecutions in your life?
- 2) Are there things that you are facing right now that are causing you to shrink back and waver from doing what God has called you to do?
- 3) READ Isaiah 50: Isaiah is prophesying about Jesus in this text. How does Jesus find strength to sustain him day by day? How can we apply this principle in our daily life to help sustain us?
- 4) What are areas in your life where you need to repent of seeking glory and greatness for yourself?
- 5) What kind of suffering and persecution has God ordained you to experience in your life? How have/are you responding to this? Have you become a better disciple of Jesus through it, or a bitter one?
- 6) What is one way you can become a more sacrificial servant in your home? Church? Community?
- 7) Have you considered the cost of following Jesus' example in verse 45? How are you living your life to help reach others who need to hear the gospel message?