

Trinity Community Church

Family Worship Guide

For Sunday, March 22, 2020

“Greatness Redefined and Demonstrated”
Mark 10:32-45

SERMON SUMMARY

As Jesus makes His way to Jerusalem to embrace death, two of his disciples, James and John, come to Jesus with a very worldly request: they want the top two positions in Jesus’ “upcoming” kingdom. Jesus uses this situation to redefine what true greatness really is: **To serve others for the glory of God.** But Jesus doesn’t just set the standard for true greatness, He enables it by His work of redemption on our behalf. Hence, whoever believes in Him and His finished work on the cross, is freed up from the bondage of selfishness, and liberated to serve God and others, motivated by selfless desires and for the Glory of God alone.

Suggested Questions for Students and Kids

1. Why is Jesus going to Jerusalem? (Answer in v. 32-34)
2. What request do John and James make of Jesus? (v. 35-37) What do you think of their request? Do they have a low view of themselves or a high view of who they are in comparison with the other disciples?
3. How does Jesus respond to their request? (v.38-40). Remember that the words “cup” and “baptism” are talking about Jesus’ upcoming death for our sins.

4. What was the reaction of the other disciples? (v.41) Remember that “indignant” means “angry”. Do you think they were reacting like this because they were caring for Jesus and the suffering He was about to go through, or do you think they were angry because they wanted the same positions from Jesus, but James and John got to Jesus ahead of them?

5. What does Jesus tell His disciples to do if any of them wants to be great? (v.42-44)

6. How does Jesus enable them and us to be able to serve others? (v. 45)

Suggested Questions for Adults

1. Why is Jesus heading up to Jerusalem? (v. 33-34) What does Mark tell us about Jesus’ attitude as He is heading to Jerusalem to face His arrest, trial and death? (v. 32-34) How does His attitude compare with the attitude(s) of His followers?

2. What do James and John want from Jesus and why do you think they are making this request? (v. 35-37) What’s their view of themselves as compared with the other disciples? Why do you think they thought so highly of themselves?

3. What was Jesus’ response to them and what did He mean by what He said? (v. 38-40)

4. What was the reaction of the other disciples and why do you think they reacted this way? (v. 41)