

Mark 10:32-45

Taking a Seat at the Table

READ Mark 10:32-45, John 13:1-20, 1 Peter 5:3, 2 Corinthians 4:5, Matthew 23:11 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Andrew Edmonds.

We rise or fall based on the motives of our leaders. Nations, communities, and companies are often driven by self-serving leaders. But Jesus pursues a different mission and leadership approach for people in our world, one that is driven by self-sacrifice and servanthood. Disciples of Jesus must follow in understanding Jesus' mission and be transformed by it and surrender to it. Given that all of us have opportunities to lead in some capacity our study explores what servant leadership looks like and how this is the only form of leadership endorsed by Jesus.

Main lesson: To encourage God's people to become servants that lead because of the mission of the Servant King

Questions:

1. What do you think makes those following Jesus on the road towards Jerusalem amazed and afraid (Mark 10:32)?
2. Why does Jesus specifically take His disciples aside and give them additional facts about his future (Mark 10:33-34)? (Earlier accounts Mark 8:31; 9:12, 30-32) Do the disciples understand Jesus' mission?
3. How are James and John in a great position of leadership, yet in a bad posture of leadership? Describe what you deem to be their motives from Mark 10:35-37?

4. Jesus graciously responds to the request of James and John by letting them know they don't get to take a seat in glory, but that they are to get a cup/baptism of suffering and sacrifice (Mark 10:38-40). What sacrifices and sufferings can we expect as disciples of Jesus? What sacrifices are unique to Christ alone?
5. Is there a difference between being a 'leader who can serve' versus being a 'servant who leads'? Which description best fits the twelve disciples at this point in their following of Jesus? (See Mark 10: 37-41 to get an indication of this)
6. Given that we all lead and influence people in some way, are you a leader who can serve? Or are you a servant who leads? What is the difference?
7. What is Jesus' concept of leadership (Mark 10:42-44)? Contrast this with the actions and attitudes of the Gentile rulers (v. 42).
8. Can you explain the metaphor of ransom (Mark 10:45)? How does our ability to be great 'servant leaders' rise and fall on this?
9. How will you specifically work on becoming a servant that leads?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise: God for ransoming you and transforming your heart from tyrant to servant

Confess: your failure in leading without first having the servant heart of Jesus

Pray: that you would surrender your motives, desires, and mission for Christ's