

LESSONS FROM JESUS ON BEING A SERVANT

Mark 10:32-45

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Key Verse – For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. *Mark 10:45*

I. The Good Example of Jesus as a Servant.

As a servant . . .

A. He will be _____ by a friend.

Mark 10:33; Ps. 41:9

Matt.26:48-50

B. He will be _____ though innocent.

Ps. 86; Luke 23:4,15, 22

Matt.26:65

C. He will be _____ by Gentiles.

Mark 10:34; Luke 23:11

Luke 22:63-64

D. He will be _____ .

Matt. 27:27-30, 34

E. He will _____ from the dead.

II. The Bad Example of the Disciples as Servants.

A. They sought _____ without _____.

Mark 10:35-39

Matt. 20:20; John 19:25

Matt. 28:19; Mark 1:8

I Cor. 12:13; Matt. 3:11

B. They sought _____ instead of _____.

Rom. 8:17

Mark 10:40

C. They sought _____ without becoming _____.

Mark 10:41-44

I John 2:16; Hosea 13:

James 4:6; Ezk. 28:17

Isaiah 14:13-14

Mark 10:28, 45

John 13:15-16

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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.”

Journey Group Questions

1. Discuss the leadership examples you have observed in your life experiences. What is it in those stories that have you remembering those leaders as “good” or “bad?”
2. Discuss the attitudes in the group of disciples toward James and John. Why were they angry? What can happen in a group when the workers become competitive with one another for attention, salary or promotions? How are believers to live in these situations: what other Bible passages give light on how to answer this question?
3. What “suffering” does the Lord say might happen to his followers? What hope or joy does this passage offer us in the midst of that suffering?
4. What does this passage have to say about the followers of Christ receiving rewards? Discuss how that promise should influence us as we serve Him and others. What does it look like in your context (work, family, school, friendships, etc) to live in service? What specific steps can you take this week to live that out?