

## ***Kingdom Rising***

### **“True Greatness”**

#### **GETTING STARTED**

ICE BREAKER: When have you worked for someone who “lorded it over” you?

KEY THOUGHT: ***The Gospel starts with decision and leads to death***

#### **GETTING THE POINT**

Read Mark 10:32-45

1. Describe the WHAT of the Gospel in verses 33-34. What is shocking about this description?
2. Describe the WHY of the Gospel in verse 45. What is shocking about the “Son of Man” giving His life as a ransom?
3. How does Jesus turn the world’s view of greatness on its head?

Read Mark 10:46-52

4. With what specific actions does Bartimaeus respond to Jesus as a model disciple?
5. How do the two scenes of Jesus healing a blind man (here and 8:22-26) form a fitting frame around the three instances of the disciples misunderstanding Jesus’ predictions of His death?

#### **GETTING DEEPER**

Read Galatians 2:20

1. What similarities do you see between Galatians 2:20 and Mark 10:45?
2. Describe the sense here in which we are “crucified” with Christ.

#### **GETTING PERSONAL**

1. What is your initial reaction to James and John’s request immediately following Jesus’ prediction of His death? In what sense can you relate to them?
2. In practical terms what do you think Jesus meant in verses 43-44?
3. What concerns you personally about the idea of the Gospel leading “to death?” In what way does that sound freeing?
4. If engagement with the Gospel is a continuum between (initial) decision and death (to self) – where do you think you are on that continuum?

#### **PRAY...**

*those starting their faith walk will decide to trust Jesus, & others will progress to dying to self.*