

Sermon Discussion Questions

Servanthood

Mark 10:32-45

October 14, 2018

1. Jeremy started with ways we “Fake it till we make it.” Have you ever been in a situation where you had to fake it till you make it?
2. We may be quick to point fingers at James and John (Mark 10:35-39), however, how can we behave the same way toward the Lord Jesus?
3. The first side of the hexagon stated that a servant is to be gentle. How can “gentleness” become a dysfunctional way to relate to others?
 - a. 2 Timothy 2:24-25 were shared in the sermon. Talk it through and discuss how well you think you are doing at this (without dysfunction ☺).
4. When Jesus was helping James and John he gave them some pretty direct, and even bad, news (Mark 10:39). How can we help people while at the same time, they may not feel like we are helping them? How can we check our spirit to make sure that we have a servant’s heart when helping people? (Or, to say it another way—How can we make sure we aren’t being self-serving when helping others?)
5. Give yourself a grade on how well you practice active listening with others (A, B, C, D, F) and explain why you gave yourself that grade. Share one step you can take to up that grade.
 - a. What are some things that get in the way of being a servant by listening well (e.g., James 1:19)?
6. Jeremy said a magnet between confidence and arrogance is humility—it draws us to confidence and repels arrogance. Describe that magnet as best you can (i.e., what is humility?).
7. If we want to be great in Christ’s coming kingdom we have to be slaves of all (Mark 10:44). How do we do this without losing ourselves or avoid becoming exhausted with all the demands that can be thrust upon us?
8. The last point was about loving Jesus and loving like Jesus (Mark 10:45). How do we know that our love for Jesus and others isn’t selfish?
 - a. Discuss how Luke 12:16-21 challenges us to be servants? What does Luke 12:21 look like?