

## Sermon Discussion Questions

### **Serve Sunday**

Mark 10:45

September 17, 2017

1. Serve Sunday is about serving. Did you grow up in a family that valued serving others? If so, who was responsible for creating that culture in your family? How did it affect you growing up? If your family didn't value serving others, how do you want that value to be communicated in your family going forward?
2. The theme verse for Serve Sunday is Mark 10:45: "For even the Son of Man came to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many". The title "Son of Man" was discussed as a specific title referencing the Messiah and His coming kingdom. What kind of kingdom is being described if the leader of that kingdom is so committed to serving that He gives His life for those He loves?" How can that image influence your spiritual life in regards to serving others?
3. Jesus' remarks in Mark 10:45 came after a long discussion about the place of service in the kingdom of God. Jesus' disciples were arguing about who would be given more recognition in the coming kingdom of God. Read Mark 10:42-44. What is Jesus teaching them? How did/does He practice what he preached? Why is seeking recognition through status and power such an irresistible draw for so many? What needs to change in us for that desire to be turned completely inside out?
4. Share with the group how you were "blind" and "drowning" and Jesus rescued you.
  - Who do we know is drowning that is in our sphere of influence (or close enough to us that we can offer a "life-vest"?)
5. This is a spiritual battle—just read 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 and Ephesians 6:10-18.
  - What do these passages say is our battle (take time to walk through them slowly)?
  - What are some of the "flaming arrows of the evil one" (Ephesians 6:16)
  - Spend time praying for the rescue or salvation of those we know need Jesus.