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Bible Discussion

Read Mark 10:32-45

- What stands out to you about the question James and John asked Jesus? Was it a strange question?
- Jesus did not outright dismiss James and John's request (v. 35), nor did He get ahead of it before they could ask (v. 37). Why might Jesus have let this play out as it did?
- Practically, what were James and John asking of Jesus in verse 37 when they asked if one could sit at His right, and the other at His left?
- In verse 38, Jesus told James and John that they didn't know what they were asking. If Jesus gave them what they wanted, it actually would not have been what they imagined or hoped for. What might James and John thought sitting at the right and left would involve? What was Jesus trying to tell them a life dedicated to Him would actually involve?
- In verses 41-45 Jesus contrasts the behavior of rulers of the Gentiles with what the behavior of Christ followers should be like. How are the two different? What does Jesus say should characterize the life of someone who follows Him?
- On Sunday, Pastor Ted referred to what Jesus describes in verses 43-45 as an 'upside down' kingdom. Does the world today make it difficult to abide by the upside-down kingdom commands of Jesus? What sometimes (or frequently) prevents us from following this command?
- Practically, what are some ways that we can serve or be a servant/slave to others?
- What characterizes true, genuine service? Is service what we do for Christ, or what we are to Christ? Is service doing things for Christ, or letting Christ do things through us?
- How does service to Christ require sacrifice? How does Christ stand as the ultimate example of a servant? What are some of the first examples or Bible stories that come to mind for you?

Go Deeper

Read 1 Peter 4:12-16

- How do these verses make you feel? Are they encouraging? Unsettling?
- Does the Bible instruct us to be ready **if** times of sacrifice and suffering come, or for **when** times of sacrifice and suffering come? Why does this distinction matter?
- How can we bring ourselves to rejoice in the sufferings of Christ? How can these verses work to prepare us for what Jesus tells us to expect?

Other verses from this week: John 15:18; Matthew 5:11-12; Philippians 2:5-8; Psalm 58:3; John 8:34; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Ephesians 5:2;