

### SUNDAY RECAP

We continued in our series, **Consecrated Living**, focusing on what it means to live consecrated lives, specifically in the area of power and influence. Before starting the questions with your group, invite God to reveal Himself through His Word and by His Spirit during your discussion.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Mark 10:42-44

"Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### OPTIONAL ICEBREAKERS

- Share about a time someone gave you a chance, opportunity, or voice you wouldn't have had otherwise.

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What's something from the passage or this week's message that resonated with you?
2. What does Jesus' teaching about leadership ("not so with you") tell us about how power is viewed in the Kingdom of God? How does Mark 10:45 summarize Jesus' entire mission?
3. What are some modern examples of people "lording it over" others? How does Jesus' model contrast with that?
4. Consider Jesus' path of power from the list below. Which one do you personally find to be the most challenging or disruptive?
  - Weakness (willingness to suffer rather than to dominate)
  - Sacrificial love
  - Servanthood
  - Humility (hiddenness)
  - Worship
  - Lament
  - Repentance
5. In your own context (work, family, church, community), what kinds of power or position do you have? How are you tempted to use your influence for personal advantage rather than service?

### 30 DAYS OF CONSECRATION

As part of this series, we invite you to participate with us as we set apart time to connect with Jesus. Each week, there is a Scripture to meditate on, daily prayer, and weekly practice as an act of worship.

**This week the invitation is to serve someone who has less power or influence than you.** Below are some ideas to try this week. Discuss with your group something you could try to help you grow.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you if there is anyone you need to apologize to
- Smile and say "hello" to someone you see regularly but never acknowledge
- Do a task "beneath" your position
- Choose to defer to someone else in a decision you'd normally make



**GROUP PRAYER TIME:** Share any personal requests before praying together. Incorporate this week's prayer of consecration by closing your prayer time saying it aloud together.

*King Jesus, I lay down my desire for control and the broken ways that I use power. Teach me to serve. Show me how to use whatever influence I have been given by You in order to bless others. Amen.*

**MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE:** **Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast** (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out **Cutting Room Floor** episodes that further unpack sermons and insights from preachers.



#### BOOK RECOMMENDATION

*The Way of the Dragon or The Way of the Lamb: Searching for Jesus' Path of Power in a Church that Has Abandoned It* by Jamin Goggin and Kyle Strobel

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Learn more at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

- **November Food Drive:** We're collecting items most needed for food banks all month long! Bring cereal, peanut butter, rice, ramen, pasta, and pasta sauce to church any Sunday in November (drop off spot in church lobby)
- 11/6 **WFO Women's Brunch** | 9:30-11:30a | Speaker: Linda Lawrence from FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)
- 11/8: **WFO Craft Fair** | 9a-2p | Family Life Center | Volunteers Needed - Sign up at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)
- 11/9: **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due** (Church will be collection site Nov 17-24)
- 11/9: **Missions Trip Interest Meeting** - La Esperanza, Mexico | 11:30a | AMC
- 11/9: **Moms Group/Clothing Swap** | Details and RSVP at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)
- 11/14: **Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank** | 9a-12:30p | Sign up to volunteer at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)
- 11/15: **Men's Breakfast** | 8a-10a | AMC
- 11/16: **Joyous Brass Concert** | 6-7:30p | Worship Center

