

6-WEEK STUDY ON JESUS THE KING

WEEK 4

“The Servant King”

Mark 10:35-45

WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Mark 10:35-45

Secondary texts from this week: Mark 8:27-36, Mark 9:30-37, Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, Daniel 7

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To understand that following Jesus requires self-sacrifice

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Would you rather go a week without TV or a week without social media? Why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Imagine that you came to Jesus like James and John and you asked Him to grant you whatever you asked. Now, imagine He agreed to your request. What would you ask Him?
2. Pastor Doug said this: *Jesus did not simply forbid His followers from wanting to become great. He completely redefined what it means to be great.* How did Jesus redefine what it meant to be great in the kingdom of God?
3. Have someone in the group read **Daniel 7:13-14**. How do you think this prophecy might have shaped the disciple's expectations of the Messiah? In what ways did Jesus fulfill their expectations and in what ways did His ministry look different from what they seemed to expect?
4. Have everyone in the group take a few moments to read **Isaiah 53** (it's 12 verses long) and reflect on the fact that this passage is among the most common Old Testament verses used by New Testament authors to describe Jesus. In what ways did Jesus fulfill this prophecy?
5. In **Mark 8:31**, Mark tells us that Jesus began to teach His disciples that the "Son of Man *must* suffer." Notice He didn't simply say that Jesus *would* suffer, but that He *must* suffer? Why was His suffering and death absolutely necessary in order to complete His mission?
6. Have someone in the group read **Mark 10:17-23**. Why did the rich man walk away sad? Why do you think Jesus said that it's hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God?
 note: When Jesus used the phrase "kingdom of God, He was not talking about "getting into heaven," but rather He uses the phrase "kingdom of God" to describe a God-centered kind of life here on earth.
7. Let's get practical. Where in your life do you have influence, power, greatness, authority or position? How can you practice servant leadership in that role in the week ahead?

PRAY

Pray for each other: Pray that those in your group will continue to be transformed more and more into the image of Jesus, and that they would serve others as a way to participate in that transformation.

Pray for yourself: Thank Jesus for “giving His life as a ransom” for you.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

ACTION STEPS

Action Step: Every time you take a drink out of a cup this week, pause for a second and thank Jesus for giving His life as a ransom for us.

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