



“Christ Washing the Disciples’ Feet”  
Rembrandt, c. 1640-c.1650

### **Mark 10:35-45**

“What do you want me to do for you?”

#### **Point #1: Glory through sacrifice**

James and John ask Jesus to do for them whatever they ask. Jesus responds by asking them, “What do you want me to do for you? They ask to sit at his right and left in glory. They hunger for glory.

Very likely their motives are a mixture of selfish ambition but also a genuine desire for God’s glory. They’ve been on the Mount of Transfiguration, they’ve tasted the glory of God and it leaves them hungry for more. But they don’t know quite how to get it, and so they default to worldly metrics and means.

Jesus tells them glory comes through sacrifice.

#### **Point #2: Greatness through service**

Jesus tells his disciples that God’s kingdom doesn’t follow worldly metrics of greatness. Greatness is found through humbly and joyfully serving those around you.

Paul said our aim as Christians is “Love from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a sincere faith.” John Piper called love, “the overflow of joy in God that gladly meets the needs of others.”

Jesus tells us that the greatest must be the servant and slave of all.

### **Point #3: The God who serves**

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

Jesus came for what purpose? *TO SERVE*

Do you believe that Jesus came to serve you?

### **COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS:**

1. Have you tasted God’s glory? Are you hungry for more?
2. “...*the homeland is on high and the way to it is lowly. The homeland is life in Christ; the way is dying with Christ.*” Augustine.  
Are you willing to follow this way?
3. Do you want to be great? What false, worldly metrics of greatness most tempt you? How can you resist these temptations and not waste your life?
4. See a need, meet a need. Jot down a practical way to serve someone this week.
5. Read through these Scriptures, reflecting on the heart of Christ to serve
  - a. Mark 10:45
  - b. John 13:6-8
  - c. Luke 12:35-37
  - d. Philippians 2:3-11
  - e. Isaiah 53
6. Do you ask God to serve you?
  - f. What is a wrong way to ask?
  - g. What is a wrong way not to ask?
  - h. What is a God-honoring way to ask Christ to serve us?
7. Who is the greatest? If the greatest is the servant of all, then will you ask God to serve you? If not, why not?
8. How can you find more joy in serving those around you?