

HANDCRAFTED

ICEBREAKER

Who did you idolize as a teenager?

SCRIPTURE

- **Matthew 20:20-28** - A Mother's Request

SUMMARY

We are all leading someone to somewhere. We often don't have a choice as to who we lead, but we do have a choice in how we lead and what we lead them to. Where will you lead them?

BEFORE YOU MEET

- Read the scripture reference(s) and the discussion topics.
- Pray for your meeting and group.
- Be the first to smile!

AS YOU CLOSE

- Remind people to pray
- Update the prayer journal
- Give praise reports and updates
- Follow up with your group midweek

DISCUSSION

These discussion questions can act as a helpful guide as you lead your group through this week's Sunday message content.

The members of your group have different jobs, seasons of life, and social groups, but there are similarities that each member shares:

- What positions of influence do you have?
- Who are you leading?
- Would you want to follow you? Why or why not?

Matthew 20:20-28

Discuss some of the key characters in this story:

- If you were John and James (the sons), what would you have thought of your mom's request of Jesus?

- The other disciples were indignant at the request. How would you have reacted if you were one of the other 10 followers?

Paradigm Shift

Jesus turns her request on its head and shifts the entire concept of leadership from its worldly application to be more like the kingdom of God. He even models it for us at the cross.

- What does it look like to lead those who follow you through serving?
- What needs to change in how you are currently leading?