



# Faith Memorial

## Baptist Church

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## THE ROAD TO GREATNESS IS PAVED WITH HUMILITY AND SERVICE

Mark 10:35–45

### **I. The Selfish Ambition of the Disciples – vv.35-37**

James and John come to Jesus asking for the top seats in His kingdom. Jesus uses this event to teach us lessons about leadership, service, and forgiveness.

**A. Their Mistake** – They wanted glory without suffering, the crown without the cross, and authority without sacrifice.

**B. Application** – The flesh has not changed. We often ask for success, influence, and recognition, but rarely pray for holiness, humility, and a servant's heart.

### **II. The Disciples' Ignorance and Misconception of Greatness – vv.38-40**

**A.** They did not understand the cup of suffering.

**B.** They did not understand the baptism of suffering, rejection, judgment, and death.

### **III. The Angry Response of the Disciples – v.41**

Nothing exposes pride faster than seeing someone else receive what we wanted. The disciples argued over rank while Jesus walked toward Calvary.

### **IV. Christ's Definition of Greatness – vv.42-44**

**A. The World's Model:** Power, status, titles, wealth, position, and influence.

**B. Christ's Model:** "It shall not be so among you." Greatness is humble, Christlike service. Respect is earned through serving others.

### **V. The Example of the Savior – v.45**

**A.** Christ came to serve.

**B.** Christ came to save by giving His life as a ransom for many.

**Conclusion:** Greatness is found in serving Christ and others. The way to the crown still passes through the cross, and the path to honor still runs through humility.

