



Gifted to Serve

Mark 10:32-45

December 4, 2022

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin discussing these questions, read Mark 10:32-45.*

1. When you hear the word “serve,” what comes to mind? Generally speaking, does the word have positive or negative connotations in your mind?
2. Read James’ and John’s question in Mark 10:35-37. What mindset on their part does this question point to?
3. Are there ways you see this same mindset at play in your own life, or in the world around us? How so?
4. What characterizes the leadership that Jesus calls out in Mark 10:42? What is tempting about this leadership? Why can it be dangerous?
5. Read Mark 10:42-45 out loud. What should characterize Jesus’ followers?
6. Do Jesus’ words mean His followers shouldn’t be in positions of influence? Explain your answer.
7. What reason(s) does Jesus give, for why His followers should be characterized by radical service? (Hint: see Mark 10:45.)
8. What does it mean that Jesus came to “give his life as a ransom”? What are we in bondage to, that we need to be freed from?
9. As we approach Christmas, it’s important to see that Jesus “came to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” How can this truth inspire your worship and obedience this month?
10. What other questions do you have about this passage that haven’t yet come up and that you’d like to discuss?
11. What is your biggest take-away from what you’ve discussed so far? Why did this stand out to you the way it did?
12. What is one practical way you can serve someone around you this week, based on what you’ve learned from this passage?
13. **Challenge — Memorize Mark 10:42-45** 42 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. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 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.”