

Life Group Questions - Mark 10: Servant King

UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

1. Main Idea of the Passage: Jesus is the Suffering Servant who serves most ultimately as our ransom on the cross.
2. How the main idea is developed: Five episodes explore the heart of a servanthood life as they show the contrast between radically self-serving humanity and righteous Servant King Jesus.
3. Melodic Line: Repent and Believe in the Good News that Jesus is the Suffering Servant King, the Glorious Savior.

Outline

1. Servant Marriage (vv. 1-12)
 - A. Point: Marriage is to reflect the radical servanthood of Jesus. Marriage is about cross-shaped love.
2. Servant Maturity (vv. 13-16)
 - A. Point: Servanthood flows from a dependent heart that is hungry for a heavenly Father.
3. Servant Money (vv. 17-31)
 - A. Point: Disciples must put themselves last as servants, believing that in God's eyes and in the long-run they will be first as royal heirs of the new heavens and new earth.
4. Servant Motive (vv. 32-45)
 - A. Point: True servanthood is defined by and modeled by Jesus' death on the cross to save sinners. That is what it means to be last and yet first. That is what it looks like to be humbled and brought low in order to be exalted and glorified.
5. Servant Discipleship (vv. 46-52)
 - A. Point: You must come to the end of yourself in order to see the fulness of Jesus, the Servant King. You cannot and will not serve others until you serve out of the fulness of Jesus as your Servant.

Gospel Centrality

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Warming Up

1. What did you like about this passage?
2. What did you find difficult about this passage?

Letting the Text Shape our Framework

1. What does this passage teach about God?

2. What does this passage teach about people?
3. How does this passage speak to an unbeliever?

Traveling Through the Cross

1. Why is servanthood at the crux of our Christian identity? Can we actually be Christians without being servants?

Applying This Passage to our Lives

1. Do you believe Jesus is serving your best interest, nano-second by nano second?
 - A. How might that renew your thoughts on your marriage, whether things seem steady or they are spiraling out of control?
 - B. How might that help you repent of your own strength and sufficiency?
 - C. How might that enable you to make money a servant to Jesus rather than a master over you?
 - D. How might that free you to make yourself last, believing that your future glory is better than you can imagine?
 - E. What non-Christian can you share this truth with?