



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

We will be celebrating **Communion today**. Please take an individual packet provided on the back table.

Printed copies of the 2020 **year end financial statements** are available on the back table.

This year we will be blessing **Teen Challenge in Hilo** by going shopping! The list of their needed supplies is on the back table. Collection will be from **Jan. 24 to Feb. 14**. Teen Challenge offers a practical Bible-based program to help people struggling with addictions transition from alcoholism and substance abuse to a life of freedom in Christ. For more information - teenchallengehawaii.com.

High School Students will be starting up again on **Saturday, Feb. 6th** between **5 and 7pm**. Contact Seth Master for details. sethbasketballmaster@gmail.com

Ways to Give:

- Online
- Giving box at church
- Mail a check



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Mark 10:32-52

Big Idea: In our text today, Jesus returns to a theme He has already developed, because it's really important. And again, Mark tells us who Jesus is and what following Him looks like by contrasting the disciples' spiritual blindness with the healing of Bartimaeus' physical blindness.

- The Context: Jesus' 3rd prediction of His suffering stirs the disciples' ambition
- The Point: The true path to Kingdom Greatness demands a counter-cultural perspective
- The Greatest Example: Our Redemptive Servant
- The Convicting Contrast: Blindness

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

Starter: When did you first hear about Jesus? What feelings, emotions, and questions did Jesus stir in your mind and heart?

Mark 10:32-52 — What does it say?

In verses 32-34, Jesus speaks of His death for a third time. As you compare this statement with the first two (8:31 & 9:30-31), what new information are we provided with?

1. Explain why James and John ask to sit at Jesus' right and left? How might it show faith? How might it show pride?
2. In Jesus' response, what is the most important idea Jesus is trying to teach James and John about the pathway to greatness in the Kingdom?
3. How does verse 45 tell us about the "why" of Jesus' death in connection to verses 32-34?
4. In what way was the death of Jesus Christ a "ransom"? Who does Jesus say it is for? From what are they ransomed?
5. In verses 46-52, we see the healing by Jesus of blind Bartimaeus. Why does Mark include so many details regarding the identity of this blind man? What can we learn about this story from the context?
6. In verse 51, Jesus repeats the question He asks the disciples in verse 36 ("What do you want me to do for you?"). What is Mark telling us by repeating this question? How does this question compare between the two interactions?
7. What are the different things Bartimaeus asks Jesus for in verses 46-52? How does Jesus respond to him and what does Jesus do for him?
8. What does Bartimaeus do in response to his healing?
9. How would you summarize this section of Mark's narrative (10:32-52)? And how would you summarize the broader section we've been in (8:22-10:52)?

Mark 10:32-52 — How does it apply to our lives today?

1. What are the ways we typically think of service, giving, or humility? How can we expand this principle into all areas of our lives?
2. What do we learn from this passage about the pathway to greatness in the Kingdom? How should it form the model for our lives now? Where do you see a need for growth in your life?
3. We continue to see examples in Mark of the disciples (who should "get it") missing it, and yet others who haven't been so close with Jesus getting it. How can we ensure that we continue to see Jesus accurately for who He really is?
4. Jesus continues to accept those who are viewed as inferior or insignificant in their cultural context. How can we be more attentive to the needs of others that might be perceived as inferior or insignificant in our context?
5. What can we learn from the way Bartimaeus approaches Jesus? How do we approach God when we are seeking something from Him?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.