



## WEEK 10: Slander and Submission

### Ice Breaker

Who would you prefer to teach you to dance, Martha Stewart or Elon Musk?

### Watch the Video

### Scripture

**| Read James 4: 11-12 |** It seems like we are not surprised when we hear people slander one another. It's what happens on the news everyday, we see it in our social media feeds and don't even think twice about what we just read. Slander seems all too normal. That normalcy is what makes it so dangerous for people who call themselves followers of Jesus. We might normalize slander so much that we don't even recognize it amongst ourselves. It might just become part of how we live.

**| Read Mark 10:35-45 |** I imagine when these two brothers went to Jesus they thought Jesus was going to be honored that they were willing to go all in and rule with Jesus Jesus knows they are actually asking to advance their own agenda and to get power and authority. Jesus calls them to a position not of power but submission. He calls them to be servants.

*"Every Discipline has its corresponding freedom. What freedom corresponds to submission? It is the ability to lay down the terrible burden of always needing to get our own way. The obsession to demand that things go the way we want them to go is one of the greatest bondages in human society today."*

*-Richard Foster*

### Discussion Questions

| Why does it feel good to slander?

| When is it hardest to serve?

| What freedom might we find in submission?

### Application

| Find opportunities to submit rather than slander. (This might cause your prayer life to increase!)

### Praises and Prayer Requests

Make a list of what everyone in the group can be praying for throughout the week.