

"FROM LAST TO FIRST"

Mark 10:31, 35-45 – “But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.” Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do us a favor.” “What is your request?” he asked. They replied, “When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.” But Jesus said to them, “You don’t know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?” “Oh yes,” they replied, “we are able!” Then Jesus told them, “You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen.” When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

1. Focus on the mission.

- “It must be God first, God second, and God third, until your life is continually face to face with God.”
– Oswald Chambers

2. Endure the suffering.

- “Any person who only sticks with Christianity as long as things are going his or her way is a stranger to the cross. If Jesus did not abandon you in His darkness, why would He abandon you now, in yours?” – Tim Keller

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3. Serve with humility.

- **Philippians 2:3** (ESV) – Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
- “You can easily judge the character of a person by how they treat those who can do nothing for them. Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge.” – Simon Sinek

4. Give to the eternal.

- **Colossians 3:1-2** – Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

Coming Soon:

Dan River Young Adults: If you are a young adult (18-35), join us on Tuesdays from 6:30pm-8pm beginning this Tuesday, March 19th. There will be a time to get to know each other before breaking into specific life groups: 18 to 24-year-olds and 25 to 35-year-olds. We can’t wait to see you.

Easter Basket Giveaway: This year, DRC is giving away specially designed Easter baskets to 100 local businesses. If you would like to help, join us on Tuesday, March 19th at 6pm on Main Street to put the baskets together.

Good Friday at Dan River Church: Join us for a special service as we remember and reflect on the events of Good Friday: March 29th 6-7pm.

Easter Sunday at Dan River Church: We are just two weeks away from Easter. Make plans now to join us on March 31st at one of our three celebrations: 8am, 9:30am, and 11am. Pick up your invites at the Connect Center today.