



## **Serving on Purpose**

The Church

Matthew 20:20-28

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### **OUR PROBLEM**

In our world the more successful you are the more you are being served and the less successful you are the more you are servicing others.

*20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.*

*21 "What is it you want?" he asked.*

*She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."*

*22 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"*

### **IGNORANCE TO ILLUMINATION**

*"We can," they answered.*

*23 Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."*

### **Matthew 26:36-39**

*"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." 37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with*

me.” 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

**Indignant** - feeling or showing anger or annoyance  
at what is perceived as unfair treatment.

25 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you.”

### **1 Peter 5:1-4**

“So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”

Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

## **JESUS’ SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM**

### **Philippians 2:5-8**

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”