

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week 7: Great People

Serve People

SERIES OVERVIEW

Our 7 convictions are Biblical and reveal the heart of who we are and what we do as a church. These convictions will shape and define our culture as we strive to accomplish our mission.

CONTEXT

In Mark 10:35-45, Jesus teaches His disciples that true greatness comes not from being served but from serving others. He emphasizes that the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many, illustrating the principle that "Great People Serve People."

THE BIG IDEA

Great People Serve People!

We believe our God is a God of humility. The evidence is seen most clearly in Jesus who came to our world not to be served, but to serve (Mark 10:45). He emptied himself and died an obedient death to buy us back to God (Phil. 2:7-8).

Therefore, we will be a people of humble service. We will think of ourselves as Christ thought of himself, putting the needs of others before our own (Phil. 2:3-5). We will not seek greatness through self-promotion or exaltation, but will measure greatness by humility and self-sacrifice (Mark 10:43-44, Matt. 23:11-12).

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:35-45

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" 39 And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 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."

ICE BREAKER

As summer quickly approaches, what do you look forward to the most about summer or what is a favorite childhood memory of summertime?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Read THE BIG IDEA on page 1 above.
How have you seen our church live out this conviction?

Read Mark 10:35-45 as a group.

Pastor James made this statement, "It is possible to have a correct view of Jesus and a corrupt view of self!" How did James and John make this statement true? Share a time in your life when you lived out this statement.

Read verses 38-39. According to the sermon, What does it mean to "drink the cup" Jesus drinks and to be "baptized with His baptism"? Have you ever thought that your suffering was beyond what you can handle and even thought it compared to Jesus' suffering?

How would you describe the difference between worldly greatness and Kingdom greatness?

According to verse 45, why should we choose to be great in God's Kingdom by serving instead of worldly greatness?

How does understanding Jesus' ultimate act of service—giving His life as a ransom for many—influence our approach to serving others? Share an example from your life.

What role does prayer play in helping us embrace a lifestyle of servanthood, as modeled by Jesus in Mark 10:35-45?

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

Discussion continued:

Why is it so difficult for you (us) to desire Kingdom greatness through service instead of seeking status in our "me" culture?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests.

Heavenly Father, grant us the humility to seek not our own glory but to serve others as Jesus did, embodying the true greatness of Jesus and His kingdom. Help us to follow His example of sacrificial love and servant leadership in all that we do. Amen.

**Attend as a group.
Get signed up today!**



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