

Warmup

- Name someone who is an example of a strong and effective leader? Why him or her?
- Name someone with a servant's heart? Why him or her?
- What differences can you identify between them? What similarities?
- What has each of them accomplished?

Background

In the sermon text Jesus teaches two main points to the twelve disciples: 1) that he is to be killed (sacrificed) and 2) that in His kingdom greatness is measured by serving others. Looking back at chapters 8 and 9 we notice that Jesus has been trying to teach them the same thing over and over.

As you work through the study, decide which questions to ask the group. Be sure to allow time for the questions in the Hitting the Road section since these are for applying the principles to our lives as disciples. Feel Free to break into groups of 2-3 for that section.

Discussion

1. Read Mark 10:32-34 Whom does Jesus address? What is Jesus teaching them.
2. Read v35-40 – Do you think James and John understand what Jesus had just said?
 - a. What does this show us about James and John?
 - b. Why do you think Jesus does not rebuke them for asking to be great in His Kingdom?
 - c. What probing question does Jesus ask them? What do they answer?
 - d. What did He mean by drink the cup He drinks and share in His baptism?
 - e. Jesus does make them a promise though v39. What is it?
3. What effect does this discussion have on the other 10 disciples?
What does this show us about the other 10 disciples?
4. Read Mark 9:30-35 What was Jesus trying to teach His disciples back then?
What do the twelve discuss on the road?
5. Read Mark 8:27-33 Once Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) what does Jesus teach the disciples about himself? Does Peter get it?
 - a. In v8:34-35 what does Jesus say is required of anyone who wishes to follow him?

6. Read 10:42 – 44. What is Jesus saying to those of us who want to follow Him and be part of His Kingdom?
7. How does 10:45 relate to 8:34-35?
8. Why is it so hard for the disciples to understand that Jesus must lay down His life?
9. Why is it difficult for us to see ourselves as servants?
Why do we find it difficult to “lay down our lives”?

Hitting the Road

10. Matt made the point in his sermon that as disciples, we must begin by allowing Jesus to serve us. Are you trusting and resting in what Christ has done for you?
11. On a scale of 1 (least) to 10 (most) what level of importance did Jesus give to His disciples on being servants and sacrificing ourselves for others?
12. How are you currently serving God? (not just in church but all areas)
13. What is one of the biggest obstacles to living like a servant?
14. Where do you feel God is calling you to serve?
15. Are you satisfied with how and where you are serving here at Three Village Church? If not what would you like to see change?
16. How can we pray for you as a disciple of Christ, regarding your being a servant and laying your life down as Jesus did?