

PREACHING CURRICULUM

SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS – MARK 10: 32-45

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES?

All too often, we find ourselves seeking to work our way to the top so that we can gain glory for ourselves. Unfortunately, disciples of Jesus are not immune to this temptation. With His death looming just on the horizon, Jesus once again reminds His disciples about what it means to be truly great.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 10:32-34. Why was Jesus travelling to Jerusalem? What was He intending to do there?

Why was it significant that Jesus was walking ahead of His disciples?

Read Mark 10:35-45. What were James and John hoping to receive from Jesus? What was their motivation for making this request?

According to Jesus, how do you become great? How does this contrast with the attitude expressed by James and John?

What did Jesus mean when He said that He came “to give His life as a ransom for many” (v. 45)?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What is your primary motivation for serving other people? Is it to gain approval or praise, or is it because you genuinely love others? How would you know the difference?

Have you ever desired a ministry position within the church because you hoped that it would gain you the approval and admiration of other people? If so, why?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Why is it important that Jesus willingly went to Jerusalem to suffer and die? What impact does that have on us?

How does Jesus' death on our behalf affect the way we serve others and our motivation for doing so?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Knowing all that Jesus has done for us, how will you love and serve others this week? Can you think of some practical situations?