Mark: Upside Down

Mark 10:32-45

1. What insight, observation, or question do you have from this week's reading plan?

2. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.

3. Is 'weird' always bad? Talk about abnormal demonstrations of love, forgiveness, and service, where 'weird' is attractive and good.

4. Read Mark 10:32-34. Why was Jesus leading the way, and why do you suppose the disciples and followers were astonished and afraid?

5. Read Mark 10:35-45. What does James' and John's request show about what they understood and what they misunderstood about Jesus' prediction in the previous 3 verses?

6. In what ways do people with authority, power and influence still use it for their own benefit today?

7. How do Jesus and the Kingdom He inaugurated turn this way of thinking upside down? Is it attractive? Why don't we naturally live it out more?

8. How costly was this new reality for Jesus? How costly will it be for you?

9. How can you use the power, authority and influence you have for the good of others this week? In what relationships or circumstances is it most difficult for you to live this out?

10. Pray for each other.