

KINGDOM

SERMON SERIES

STUDY NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Greatest Power

1 When have you seen power used poorly? How have you experience power used poorly?

2 What are some characteristics about power used poorly? Would you say “self-serving” is consistently present with power gone bad? Look at your previous stories of power.

3 Read Mark 10:32-34. Why might it be significant that Jesus is leading the way? What does this say about Jesus?

4 Read Mark 10:35-37. What does this show about how we naturally view power? When have you had a pull or desire to grab power or to get a leg up?

5 Read Mark 10:38-40. What do you think the cup and baptism is that Jesus is talking about (hint, verse 32-34?). How does James and Johns response point to the idea they may still be thinking about Jesus’ glory or Kingdom rule and their part in it?

6 Read Mark 10:41-44. What is a slave, and for what purpose and reason would a slave have existed? How does Jesus flip power upside down?

7 Read Mark 10:45. Why does Jesus command this use of power this way? How did Jesus use power for us, rather than over us and for his own good?

8 Power leveraged for the good of others. When have you witnessed or experience someone use power this way?

9 In your sphere of influence, how can you bring the Kingdom by leveraging the power you have for the good of others. Brainstorm areas of your life and dream up ways together as a group that power could be leveraged for others. Who could you inspire to use power for the good of others?



Mark 10:32-45

Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. 34And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." The Request of James and John 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." 36And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38Jesus 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?" 39And 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, 40but 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." 41And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42And 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. 43But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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