

REVIEW

Knowing the context of John the Baptist's death, how does this miracle show Jesus's deep love for the people He served?

How has God provided for you? Why do you think it's sometimes easy to miss God's provision in our lives?

How have you been guilty of wanting to follow Jesus for what He can give you instead of pursuing Him alone?

When is it tempting to doubt Jesus's presence in our lives?

How is Jesus a gift to us? How has He been a gift to you?

What does it look like to pursue Jesus for who He truly is, and not for what He has to offer?

BIBLE EXPLORATION

Mark 10:35–45. What kind of Messiah did the disciples expect? What did they hope would happen if Jesus ruled over Jerusalem? What's in it for them?

What lies at the heart of James and John's request? Would you say they are being selfish by asking to sit at Jesus's right and left hand? Why?

Is it wrong to ask God for things? When does it become a problem? What sorts of things do you expect Jesus to give you? How do you feel when He doesn't give them to you? What about when He does?

What do your prayers sound like when you only focus on asking for things?

HANDOUT



What has been more sustaining: the things God gives you, or your relationship with Him? Why do you think that is? How have you felt your relationship with God suffer when you've focused on getting things from God?

Why do we try to get things from God when He is what we need the most? What causes us to fall into that habit? What do we forget about His character?

Mark 10:42–45. What do these verses say about selfishness? How should Jesus's disciples act instead?

In your experience, what does it look like to serve others? How do you feel when others serve you? How has serving people changed your attitude? What does it do to a selfish heart?

In what ways have you seen service impact your relationship with God?

What has God been teaching you through this session? How, if at all, is God asking you to change? What would it look like for you to be a servant to your family, friends, or coworkers this week?

DEEPER WALK

Select at least one activity below to complete before next week.

Read: Read chapters 9 and 10 from Leslie's book *Crossing the Waters*.

Believe: Read the "I am" statements of Jesus this week (John 6:25–58, 8:12, 9:1–12, 10:1–18, 11:17–44, 14:5–14, 15:1–17). Make a list of all Jesus says He is. Remind yourself of those truths throughout the week.

Serve: Pick one person in your life to serve this week. Don't draw attention to your service, instead focus on how you can love them well without getting credit.

Pray: Spend an extended length of time in prayer this week—try everyday if you're up for a challenge. Push yourself to only focus on praising and thanking God for who He is rather than asking for things.

Thank: Keep a journal of all the things you're grateful for this week. Thank God for His provision in your life.