

Serve Us or Service
Mark 10:32-45
Lesson #41
6-21-26

1 Corinthians 10:24 *"Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others."*

I. Jesus delivered a reminder to His disciples!

****Mark 10:32** *"They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again, He took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to Him."*

****Mark 10:33** *"We are going up to Jerusalem," He said, "and the Son of Man will be betrayed over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles."*

****Mark 10:34** *"Who will mock Him and spit on Him, flog Him and kill Him. Three days later He will rise."*

Luke 18:34 *"The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about."*

II. Jesus denied the request of two disciples!

A. They wanted prominent seating.

****Mark 10:35** *"Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."*

****Mark 10:36** *"What do you want me to do for you?" He asked."*

****Mark 10:37** *"They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."*

Matthew 20:20 *"Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him."*

Matthew 20:21 *"What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right hand and the other at your left in your kingdom."*

B. They would face persecution.

****Mark 10:38** “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

****Mark 10:39** “We can,” they answered.” Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with.”

Acts 12:1 “It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. ^[2] He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.”

C. This seating was prepared for someone else.

****Mark 10:40** “But to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

****Mark 10:41** “When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.”

Luke 22:24 “... A dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.”

III. Jesus defined the right behavior of a disciple!

A. Jesus described poor behavior of leaders in the world.

****Mark 10:42** “Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.”

B. Jesus defined the proper behavior of the disciples.

****Mark 10:43** “Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,

John 2:5 “His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.”

John 2:9a “And the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. ...”

Mark 10:44 “And whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.”

C. Jesus demonstrated service to others.

****Mark 10:45** “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

I Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. ^[6] Who gave Himself as a ransom for all men – the testimony given in its proper time.”

I John 2:2 “He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. Guard against a “serve me” attitude!

John 13:14 “Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ^[15] I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

B. Get involved by serving the needs of others!

Philippians 3:4 “Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others.”

I Peter 4:10 “Each one should use whatever gift - he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

C. Give your time, talents, and treasures with an attitude of love.

Galatians 5:13 “You, my brothers, were called to be free, but do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.”

Galatians 5:13 “The entire law is summed up in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

D. God will not forget your labor of love.

Hebrews 6:10 God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.