

## Seeking Greatness in the Kingdom

**Text:** Mark 10:35-45

**Context** - After sharing about his coming death and resurrection, Jesus addresses the question of who will be the greatest in the Kingdom of God.

### To become great in the kingdom...

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Humility (vs. 35-41)**

- A. James and John were pridefully asking to be 2nd and 3rd in the kingdom of Heaven. All honors in the Kingdom will be sovereignly bestowed by God the Father.
- B. Matthew reveals that their mother accompanied them and spoke first (Matt. 20:20, 21), after which James and John reiterated her request. If she was Jesus' aunt, the 3 undoubtedly hoped to capitalize on the family ties. (MacArthur Study Bible)

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ **one another (vs. 42-44)**

- A. Followers of Christ are not to act like the Gentiles who lord over others, but rather they are to serve each other in humility.
- B. Becoming great in Christian leadership means becoming a servant—that is, doing your Master's will and humbly working for the good of others. (Ross H. McLaren)

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ **the example and sacrifice of Christ (vs. 45)**

- A. Jesus was the supreme example of servant leadership (cf. John 13:13–15). The King of Kings, and Lord of Lords (Rev. 19:16) relinquished His privileges (Phil. 2:5–8) and gave His life as a selfless sacrifice in serving others. (MacArthur Study Bible)
- B. Jesus gave his life as a ransom for many (cp. Is 53:10–12). "Ransom" refers to the price paid to release a slave. The words of v. 45 are crucial to Jesus's self-understanding of his death. (Ross H. McLaren)