



SERMON DISCUSSION

Following the Path to Greatness

Quotable Moments:

- We get to choose whether we follow Jesus. We don't get to choose how we follow.
- Jesus is the King who came to reverse the order of everything.

Scripture: Mark 10:32-37; 41-45

Key Things You Heard:

- Christ = God's Anointed One / King
- The New Testament writers refer to Jesus as Savior 157 times -- but refer to Him as Lord 700 times.
- Jesus is the King who came to reverse the order of everything.
- Our egos are why we all struggle with the feeling that we deserve others to treat us better than they do.
- Jesus is saying - in my kingdom - everything is upside-down from what you see in the kingdoms of our world.

Pray: Jesus, thank you for being my Savior, Forgiver and Friend. I know that without that, I could not have a relationship with you. I also thank you for being Messiah, Christ, and Lord. But even in your place of power as Messiah, you chose to serve others and to give your life. I confess my sin of seeking my kingdom instead of your kingdom. I choose to be more like you - by serving others rather than seeking power and position. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Write out ways you have served your own ego this month. Confess those sins specifically.
- Memorize Mark 10:45.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.

Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: Name someone you know who uses their power or influence to serve others, without acting like they deserve others to treat them a certain way. Share an example of how they lead.

- Read Mark 10:35-37. What do you think James and John hoped to get from Jesus? Have you ever tried to get close to someone in order to get more power to benefit yourself?
- Read Mark 10:41. What does pursuing power and influence do to relationships? Has that ever happened to you?
- Read Mark 10:43-45. Describe Jesus' upside-down kingdom. How did this challenge the disciples? How does Jesus' simple lesson challenge you today?
- What area of your life do you tend to seek power or influence to benefit yourself? Is it your career, your financial status, your social connections, or your family?
- What step can you take this week to stop feeding your ego by beginning to serve others? Start with those closest to you.
- If you serve on the RCC Dream Team, share how that has helped you grow spiritually and relationally. If you don't serve currently, where might you want to start?