

## GOOD NEWS WHEN YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY DIFFICULT PEOPLE

### QUESTIONS

1. What idea, illustration, application or Scripture most spoke to you in this week's message?
2. In Mark 10:43, Jesus tells James and John that in order to achieve greatness, they need to humble themselves as servants first. Can you recall a time when you saw someone perform an unexpected act of service for a difficult person? How did that act of service change the situation?
3. Jesus loves the difficult people in your life, just as much as He loves you. How would Jesus treat the difficult person in your life? How are you currently treating that person? What needs to change so you can be more like Jesus in your difficult relationships?
4. Review Mark 10:35-45. Why was Jesus so frustrated with James, John, and the other disciples? What can you do in your life to make sure you don't make the same mistakes?
5. How does Jesus' teaching defy conventional expectations of kings, kingdoms, and power?
6. Jesus desires us to have a heart of service for others, how are you currently serving others out of love for God? What God-given gifts can you use to serve others? (Resources, influence, time, energy, compassion?)
7. Last week, Pastor John talked about the path to greatness leads through suffering from Mark 8. After reflecting this week, how do you see yourself in Mark 8:35? Read this passage out loud and discuss.
8. Read Matthew 25:23. What is Jesus saying to us as a spiritual Christian in this passage? How can we share in our master's happiness?

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Mark 10:32-45

### TAKEAWAYS

- The Path to greatness – Serving others from a heart that is serving God.
- Those who step on others to get power.
- Those who serve others by giving up power.
- Good News – The most powerful being in the universe, your Creator, has gone out of His way to serve you and meet your deepest needs.
- Ransom – to buy a slave at the slave market and set them free.
- Serve the people where God has already placed you.
- There's part of you that will only be fully satisfied when you're serving.
- God, this week I give you my life, to serve in ransoming others for You.

## WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Pray for that difficult person in your life each day this week. Ask God to give you wisdom about how to better serve that person like Jesus.

## FURTHER STUDY

In this four-week series, Pastor John references a few of the many times Mark uses the Greek word *euangelizo* or *eunagelion* – meaning Good News, in his writing of the book of Mark. If you want to study every single time, here's a list! Note how Mark portrays the power of this Good News!

- Mark 1:1
- Mark 1:14
- Mark 1:15
- Mark 8:35
- Mark 10:29
- Mark 13:10
- Mark 14:9
- Mark 16:15