

# LIFE GROUP

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Teaching on the Way: Lessons in Humility & Faith March 03, 2024

#### Summary

In this message, Pastor Dale teaches from Mark 10:35-45 where James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus with a request for positions of power and authority in His kingdom. Through Jesus' response to James and John, we learn the importance of humility, servant leadership and understanding our new purpose in Christ, who served as the ultimate ransom for our freedom from sin.

#### Scripture

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "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?" "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, 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." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 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. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 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." Mark 10:35-45 (NIV)

Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts. 1 John 5:21 (NLT)

#### Let's Start

What issues do people often argue about?

#### Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

#### Let's Talk

1. What was something new you learned in the message?
2. Pastor Dale talked about five things that drive our desire for power and control:
  - We are born with a predisposition to seek power and control over others.
  - The culture influences the pursuit of power and control.
  - Fear and insecurity

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- Misinterpretation of scripture
  - The influence of leadership models  
What drives you? How can we navigate these influences without compromising our commitment to following Jesus?
3. Did the Holy Spirit reveal any areas of selfishness you may need to confront and confess to Him?
  4. Is there anything in your life that means more to you than God?
  5. Pastor Dale shared some qualities of a servant of Jesus:
    - A servant prioritizes the needs of others over seeking recognition or status.
    - A servant uplifts others, making them feel valued through the abundance of affirmation they have received from the Lord.
    - A servant says, “How could I feel self-pity when I see what I’ve received from the Lord?”How does your life exemplify these virtues?
  6. Pastor Dale told the story of Maximilian Kolbe, a priest who sacrificed his life for another prisoner in Auschwitz. Can you think of other people whose faith in Christ has led them to make significant sacrifices?

### Let’s Act

Reflecting on Jesus' example of washing the disciples' feet, what practical steps can we take to cultivate humility and servanthood?

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