



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM
FOR THE SERMON PREACHED: July 23, 2017
PASSAGE: Mark 10:32-45

We are going to study Matthew 20:17–28, the parallel passage to Mark 10:32–45.

1. Read: Mathew 20:17– 24.

a. According to these verses what were James and John and their mother hoping to achieve? Jesus makes it clear they did not know what they were asking or what they were saying. How does verses 17-19 show just how crazy their hopes were?

b. What are your top three hopes for this year? What will you do if you can't achieve your hopes? In what ways would you say your hopes are based on the gospel? In verse 19 what was the last thing Jesus said would happen to him and why is this so significant as we view our ambitions on earth?

2. Read: Mathew 20:25-28.

a. List from scripture what you know of Christ's authority, why does this make the servanthood he modelled so incredible? Based on verses 25-28, summarize servanthood, and how that is different then the culture. In your relationships, consider what you are striving for most? In what way can you be a servant this week?

3. The competition, envy, comparison and self promotion we see in James, John and the other 10 is clearly spoke against by Jesus. When would competition ever be ok? From scripture, list why you are thankful for Jesus servanthood. Ask the Holy Spirit to grip you with this and change and grow your heart as a servant.

Memory verse: Matthew 20:26b–28.