



OWNING THE
MISSION AND VISION
OF CHRIST THE KING

Part 6: I'm In Ministry
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Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

³⁸ "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?"

³⁹ "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,"⁴⁰ 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."

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.⁴² 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.⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.⁴⁵ 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."

Dissecting the Conversation

The Characters

James and John, the Sons of Thunder

Their mommy (*parallel passage in Matthew 20:20-28*)

Jesus, the serving Savior

Note the subtle manipulation (*verse 35*)

Application: Jesus doesn't make deals; Jesus makes disciples.

Note the arrogance in their answer even after Jesus questions their motive (*verse 38*)

Application: Most of us vastly overestimate our value to God's kingdom in the short term and vastly underestimate our value to God's kingdom in the long term.

Note that Jesus' answer is no (*verse 40*)

Application: The most telling sign of your maturity is how you respond to a no.

Jesus paints a new picture of leadership with the words, “Not so with you”
(verse 43)

Application: Greatness isn't about elevating yourself, it's about elevating Jesus.

Jesus introduces another of the “divine opposites” (verses 43-44)

Application: Greatness is not about status, title or wealth; it's about service.

Jesus reinforces and restates his mission and his invitation (verse 45)

Application: Jesus came to serve, and he calls us to the same mission.

A Question from our Core Commitments

Am I consistently serving in a CTK ministry or another ministry that is in alignment with CTK's mission, vision and values?

Am I in?

Next Steps

It's Connect Weekend at CTK! All our ministries are in the Commons today, ready to answer questions and tell you about opportunities to connect and grow at CTK. They'd also love to help you **find a meaningful way to serve** that fits your schedule, your personality, and your gifting.

If you're not sure how God has gifted you, don't miss the upcoming workshop “Who God Made You to Be.” Read more about this workshop and Connect Weekend on today's insert.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Do you volunteer anywhere? Why do you give your time to serve?
- 2) Read Mark 10:35-45. How would you describe the heart of a servant as Jesus reveals it in this passage?
- 3) How does the world define greatness? How does Jesus define greatness?
- 4) When was the last time Jesus said no to a request you made? How did you respond?
- 5) What are some of the obstacles that keep you from serving? How can you overcome them?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?