

The Gospel of Mark

Group Guide: Week 20, Mark 10:32-52

INTRODUCTION

the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus predicts his death for the third time to his disciples. Unsurprisingly, the disciples don't respond with mourning or awe, but instead bicker about who might be first in the Kingdom of God. Jesus gently rebukes and teaches his disciples about their purpose in God's Kingdom--to serve and not be served. Demonstrating this order, Jesus then heals Bartimaeus based on his faith.

PRAYER

READ

Ask two group members to read Mark 10:32-52

SUMMARIZE

Ask two group members who didn't summarize last week to summarize the passage this week.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share about a time when you had to "hear" something, or be taught something, several times before truly "getting it". Or, if you are a parent, share about a time your child or children had to hear something multiple times before "getting it". What stopped you or them from understanding the first time?
2. Jesus reveals his impending death for the third time to the disciples. Immediately after this revelation, James and John (and the other disciples) act as if they don't "get it" by selfishly requesting to sit at Jesus' right and left. *In your Christian walk, what specific areas of Christ's teaching do you struggle "getting"? What helped you see Jesus and His kingdom more clearly?*

N.T. FURTHER READING

Matt. 20:17-27; Luke 18:31-34; Eph. 1:7

O.T. FURTHER READING

Job 42:2; 1 Sam. 2:29, Isa. 52:13-53:12

FURTHER STUDY

As you read write out any words in this passage that would be helpful for you to look up in a dictionary.

3. When James and John ask Jesus to sit at his right hand, it reveals a fundamental idol in their hearts: power and recognition. *How do your (selfish) requests of Jesus reveal the idols of your own heart?*

4. In verses 35-45, Jesus describes a kingdom that is strikingly counter cultural when he calls his disciples to be servants instead of exercising “authority” (v.42). He uses his own life as an example pointing to his impending death as the ultimate act of service. *How is His kingdom still radically counter cultural in 2016? How can you better serve those you wish to exercise authority over? (in your home, at work, and even in the church)*

5. Reread verses 36-37 and then 51-52. Jesus response to Bartimaeus differed from his response to the disciples because the heart of their requests were fundamentally different. These verses also show us that Jesus wants to hear our requests. *What requests are you asking Jesus to answer? What is your motivation for those prayers?*

NOTES

RESPONSE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Season of Lent)

Wednesday February 10th began the season of Lent. Lent begins 46 days from Easter. Historically the Church has used the season of Lent as preparation for celebrating the resurrection. This preparation is a time for the Church to humble themselves confess their need for the cross of Christ and repentant for our indifference towards our God and neighbor. This repentance historically has demonstrated itself through fasting and prayer.

In your group time talk through how you will fast during this season of Lent. What in your life will you lay down to follow Christ more faithfully? Will you encourage each other to attend Wednesday morning prayer service?

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:

Mark 10:45

PRAY TOGETHER