

OVERVIEW

In **Mark 10:35–45**, James and John request positions of honor in Jesus' kingdom, revealing their misunderstanding of greatness. Jesus teaches that true greatness is found in servanthood, pointing to His own ministry to give His life as a ransom for many.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: If you had to describe your week using only one emoji, which one would you choose and why? **Or** Who is one leader you look-up to or respect?

Activity: Plan a "service/mission" event for your group!

PRAYER

Pray: "Lord, help us to follow Your example of humility and servanthood, seeking to serve others with love rather than striving for personal recognition."

BIBLE: READ MARK 10:35-45

1. What do you think motivated James and John to ask Jesus for seats at His right and left in glory?
2. How does Jesus respond to their request in verses 38–40?
3. What do you think Jesus is referring to when He speaks of "the cup" and "the baptism"?
4. Why were the other disciples indignant at James and John (v. 41)? Do you think their reaction was more about the request or their own ambitions?
5. What does Jesus teach about leadership and greatness in verses 42–44?
6. How do the rulers of the world exercise authority and influence? How does Jesus' definition of greatness differ from the world's perspective?
7. Why do you think Jesus uses the image of being a servant and a slave (vv. 43–44) to describe true greatness? How are these values countercultural?
8. In verse 45, Jesus says He came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. How is Jesus the greatest example of servant leadership?

APPLICATION

1. Have you ever found yourself seeking recognition or status, as James and John did? How did it affect your relationships or spiritual growth?
2. How does Jesus' example of servant leadership challenge the way you think about influence, authority, or success? In your community or workplace, what are practical ways to reflect Jesus' model of serving others, especially those who may not be easy to serve?

