



## MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 6 – POWER THROUGH SERVICE

<sup>35</sup>Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

<sup>36</sup>“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

<sup>37</sup>They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

<sup>38</sup>“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?”

<sup>39</sup>“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, <sup>40</sup>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.”

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

### **FOUR OBSERVATIONS ABOUT POWER THROUGH SERVICE**

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1. Christ followers must reject the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ through position by \_\_\_\_\_ through posture
2. Power through service is a \_\_\_\_\_ to the powers of this world
3. Following Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_
4. Service requires \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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## **DIGGING DEEPER:**

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1. Why might Christians become attracted to exploiting earthly power? How might this contrast with what Jesus taught?
2. How did Jesus leverage his power as God's Son?
3. How does power through service look different from power through position?
4. Why is this at odds with how most people view power?
5. What might be shocking to you (or others) about Jesus' statement in Mark 10:45?
6. How did Jesus redefine greatness and being first?
7. Why do you think this might have been difficult for his disciples to hear? Why do you think this might be difficult for modern people to hear?
8. How does being a servant make us more like Jesus?
9. Why does service require proximity? Why does service require sacrifice?
10. What is keeping you from being a servant like Jesus?
11. What are some ways that you can become a servant this week?
12. Who are some people you can serve that God has placed in your life?