



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1 – WHY SERVANT LEADERSHIP ISN'T ENOUGH

²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of Him. ²¹"What is it you want?" He asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at Your right and the other at Your left in Your kingdom."

²²"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

²³Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from My cup, 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 by My Father."

²⁴When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

– Matthew 20:20-28 (NIV)

WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT SERVICE FROM JESUS:

- The path to kingdom _____ came through a _____ not a _____
- Kingdom _____ lies in the _____ you are willing to _____ for God's purposes
- God honors the _____ not the _____
- _____ is a _____ for cross-shaped service

BIG IDEA:

We should be less concerned with _____ and
more concerned with _____

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

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1. Why do so many people prefer positions of authority and power over positions of service?
2. How do people with authority tend to use it?
3. What did Jesus say would be different about His followers?
4. What is the difference between earthly greatness and kingdom greatness?
5. How should followers of Jesus use any authority and power that we possess?
6. What kind of person does God honor? Why is this significant for believers who want or who possess authority and power?
7. What is necessary for cross-shaped service?
8. Why do some people tend to talk more about servant leadership than servant discipleship?
9. How can this emphasize leading over serving? How can this emphasize leading over following?
10. According to Matthew 20:28, why did Jesus come to earth?
11. How should this shape our own service to others?