



August 16, 2020

SERIES: WHAT WE NEED NOW

Lesson 2: Genuine Humility

Text: Mark 10: 35-45

Big Idea: In order to follow Christ and serve Him well, we must learn how to develop genuine humility in our lives.

Weekly Ministry Items

Announcements: _____

Outreach/Ministry Reports: _____

Prayer Time: _____

Group Lesson Plan:

Paraphrase the Text: _____

Read the Text: _____

Facilitate Bible Study: _____

Discussion Questions:

Icebreaker: Did anything happen this past week that gave you the opportunity to exercise humility? How did you do? While we all struggle with it, authentic humility should be the desire of our hearts.

In Mark 10:35-45, we read of the way in which James and John, two of Jesus' most prominent disciples, sought positions for themselves. What do you find to be odd about their request in verse 35? How is this a manipulation tactic by James and John? Have you ever found yourself trying to manipulate God to achieve something you want? What was Jesus' response to their request (v. 36)?

What was their specific request to Jesus (v.37)? Read Matthew 20: 20-21. Why would they and their mother make such a bold request? How was their request short-sighted? Do you think that James and John pursued political glory ahead of God's messianic Kingdom? How might some Christ followers today display more concern with Christ's physical reign than His spiritual reign? Read Luke 19:10. What was Jesus' purpose for coming into this world? Is political activism ever appropriate for a Christ follower? (Yes. However, it should never overshadow our devotion to

Christ's mission for His church as we find in the Great Commission. Only the gospel can transform human hearts).

Read verse 38. What is the "cup" and the "baptism" Jesus spoke of to His disciples? What was their hasty reply in verse 39? How is their response a display of self-centeredness? Do you think they understood Jesus' prediction for their future?

Discuss this statement by Andrew Murray: *"Humility is the displacement of self by the enthronement of God"* (Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness). What is true humility to you? Read Jeremiah 17:9. How is this warning appropriate for all followers of Jesus? How do Jesus' words in verse 40 reflect a humble spirit?

What was the reaction of the other disciples who overheard their conversation (v.41)? What does their reaction say about their hearts?

Read verse 42. How can "leadership" be abusive? Should the church operate the same way as the world with its polity and lines of authority? Should the world be looking to the church for healthy leadership principles?

Verses 43 and 44 are a rebuke to those with an improper and unhealthy view of greatness. What did Jesus have to say about true greatness in the kingdom of God? In the Kingdom community, status, money and popularity are not prerequisites for leadership. True humility is the greatest (and only) prerequisite for leadership.

Read verse 45. Why do you think Jesus talks about our spiritual ransom within a conversation about servant leadership? How is Jesus the model of servant leadership? What is the source of our power to practice servant leadership today (see Romans 5:5)?

What the church needs now is genuine humility. In your mind, what would that look like at TBC? How would true humility impact our witness to the world?

Close with silent prayer. Allow group members to examine their hearts and motives before the Lord. Invite them to yield to the Lordship of Christ and pursue His will in authentic humility.

Teaching To Obey (Matt. 28:20):

In response to God's revealed truth in your life, what action steps will you take today to obey His will? Are there:

Sins to confess? Promises to claim? Attitudes to change? Commands to obey? Examples to follow?

Our text for August 23: Mark 12: 28-34

