

Living a Life of Gospel-Fueled Service and Generosity

Lesson 1: The Upside-Down King and His Kingdom

Sunday Message Text: Mark 10:32-45

Big Idea: Jesus, the King above all kings, came *not* to be served but to serve. Jesus establishes that His Kingdom is an upside-down Kingdom and is the antidote to a selfish world – moving us from “serve us” to service.

Focus: Service and generosity matter in a gospel-centered life.

- 1) Do service and generosity really matter in a gospel-centered life? Why or why not? What might that life look like?

- 2) If you heard last Sunday’s message, what is one thing that impacted you significantly?

Read Matthew 20:20-28.

- 3) What does the requested favor show about their understanding of Jesus’s kingdom and their own motivations?

- 4) Why do you think James and John let their mother make the request on their behalf?

- 5) What is significant about the question Jesus asked the disciples in verse 22?

- 6) How does Jesus compare the leadership styles of the rulers of the Gentiles with His own? (Verses 25-27)
- 7) Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many (see verse 28). What does it mean to have a “ransom for many” attitude in our own daily lives?
- 8) How can we develop a heart of humility and a desire to serve others, rather than thoughtlessly improving our own position of power, authority or worldly success?
- 9) In what ways can you apply the idea of servant-hearted service/leadership in your daily life this week, whether you’re at home, work, school, or out in the community? Please come ready to share what you did and how it went at our next meeting.
- 10) How can we support each other in our pursuit of humility, service, and generosity?