

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Servant Leadership"
Mark 10:32-45
Study-40

Worldly Ambition – the focus is upon oneself. What I desire and what others think regarding me is more important than the glory of God. There is the desire for authority in order to control others and to make oneself great in the eyes of the world.

Godly Ambition – has as its goal the glory of God; That God would work in and through me. I will make myself available for God's exclusive use; However He would see fit that my life would be used in His service to win the lost and minister to the saints.

This passage is recorded in Matt 20:17-28; Mark 10:32-45; Partially in Luke 18:31-34

Mark 9:14-10:52 – Lessons For Discipleship: Critical Instruction for the training of His disciples. Mark 10:32-45 – Lesson On Servant Leadership.

The Thought Of Our Passage: "The Ambition Of The Christian Is To Glorify God, That We Should Be Available For God's Exclusive Use."

- 1. Verses 32-34 – God's Sacrifice**
- 2. Verses 35-41 – Self-Seeking**
- 3. Verses 42-45 – True Greatness**

1. Verses 32-34 – God's Sacrifice:

Mark 10: 32

Mark 10: 23-31

"going up to Jerusalem," – The Temple is built on a hill 2500' elevation

Luke 9:51

"they were amazed" – "to dumbfound, by surprise, astonished"

"were fearful" – "to frighten, to be alarmed, to be in awe of, reverence"

Jesus is showing us how to walk in God's will; resolutely determined to obey the Father's will.

Mark 8:31-32; Mark 9:31, Now Mark 10:32-34

Luke 18:31, Isa 53, Psalm 22

Mark 10:33

Jesus Is The Messiah: (The Person of Christ) and the Son of Man – Jesus took this from Daniel 7:13-14; It speaks about the Messiah's humanity.

Hostility Against Jesus: “will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes;” – Psalm 2, Zech 11:12

Mark 10:34

What Jesus Did: (The Work of Christ); “and kill Him,” – Gen 22:14 (God provided sacrifice), Numbers 21 – Serpent lifted up.

Romans 5:8-9

1 Peter 3:18

“and three days later He will rise again.” Romans 1:4

2. Verses 35-41 – Self-Seeking:

Mark 10:35

“And James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Him,” – Luke 9:54

Matt. 20:20

Mark 10:36-37

The cross has a way of revealing our selfishness!

Mark 10:38

Their Request was Born in Ignorance: “But Jesus said to them, “You do not know” – (“did not think it through, you do not really know”).

1 Peter 4:13

Ignorant Of The Cost: “Are you able to drink the cup that I drink,” – The drinking of a cup meant “experiencing a matter fully, it is what life hands you.”

Ps. 75:8

"baptized?" – "to be immersed in, to dip in, to be covered by"; The baptism – speaks of all that Jesus went through for you and I.

Mark 10:39

Judg. 16:20

James – was the first of the apostles to be martyred. Acts 12:2

John – had to endure hard days on the Isle of Patmos. Rev 1

Mark 10:40

"prepared" – "prepared by another, God the Father."

Mark 10:41

"indignant" – "to be very displeased, to be greatly afflicted, to be much displeased."

3. Verses 42-45 – True Greatness:

Mark 10:42

The World's Method To Greatness: (Self-Importance); "lord it over them;" – "to bring under one's power, to subject to oneself, to subdue, master."

"and their great men exercise authority over them." – "wield power, full privilege over another"; Literally "to play the tyrant, authority of ones being with no outside restrictions."

Mark 10:43

The Master's Method: (Self-Sacrifice); "but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant;"

"servant" – Greek word diakonos; Deacon – the word dust is from the root word. Literally, "one who raises dust in hurrying to minister."

True Greatness Consists of Sacrificial Giving.

Mark 10:44

True Greatness Does Not Come By Seeking To Be First, It Is Willingness To Be Last!

"slave" – doulos, "a bond servant, slave, that gives no interest to self."

Mark 9:33-37 – Marks of true greatness are "Humility" and "Service".

Mark 10:45 – The Key Verse of the Gospel of Mark.

Mark 1-10 – Jesus Came To Serve: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,"

Mark 11-16 – Jesus Came To Sacrifice: "to give His life a ransom for many."

"ransom" – "to loose, to release"

"for many" – "instead of"; This is speaking of substitutionary atonement, to die in the place of sinners. How many? All!

1 Tim. 2:5-6

1 Tim. 4:10

Application:

1. The Ambition Of The Christian Is To Glorify God; That Means Being Available For God's Exclusive Use.
2. Let Us Be More Concerned About Our Sanctification On Earth Than Our Seat In Heaven.
3. Greatness Comes Through The Sacrificial Giving Of Oneself In Meeting The Needs Of Others
4. Greatness Does Not Come By Seeking To Be First, But Willing To Be Last As God's Bondslaves.