Mark Lesson 35 (2023)

**THE REQUEST OF JAMES AND JOHN**

(The Servant-Leadership)

Mark 10:32-45

Key Verse: 10:45

**Open it:**

1. In what way does society pressure us to seek status and power? What issue do people often argue about?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 32-34. What emotions were displayed by the disciples? Why was there such a range of strong emotions on this trip? What important news did Jesus tell the Twelve once again about what would happen to him? How would Jesus be treated at the time of his death?
2. Read verses 35-37. What was the relationship between James, John, and Jesus? With what attitude did James and John confront Jesus? What did James and John want from Jesus?
3. Read verses 38-40. How did Jesus answer James and John’s request? What were the “baptism” and “cup” of which Jesus spoke? How did Jesus explain to James and John the impossibility of granting what they had requested?
4. Read verses 41-44. How did the other disciples react to James and John’s request? What did Jesus warn all his disciples about? What value did Jesus place on serving? What value did Jesus place on status? How did Jesus advise the disciples regarding greatness? (43-44)
5. Read verse 45. What did Jesus mean when he said he “did not come to be served, but to serve”? (45) How do you need to change your attitude or action in light of Jesus’ words about serving? Jesus, the Son of God, left us a perfect example of humility and service to others. What does this imply for us?

**Apply it:**

1. What specific act of service could you do this week for someone else? What steps can you take to guard yourself against an attitude of selfishness and greed?