



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 11th Sept. 2022

Vision Sunday: Learning to serve.

Greatness is defined by Service

43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:43-45.

1. Greatness in the Kingdom is defined by a willingness to serve.

- Jesus predicts his death and heads toward Jerusalem.

- James and John ask to sit at the right hand of Jesus in glory.

- The 10 are Indignant.

- Jesus calls them together- Not so with you.

- The greatest among you will serve.

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Mark 10:35-37. What question is Jesus asked by James and John?
2. Read Mark 10:38-40. How does Jesus respond and what does he mean by “his baptism and drinking the cup?”
3. Read Mark 10:41. Why do you think the ten were indignant?
4. Read Mark 10:42-44. What does Jesus say about local authorities and the way they lead and how does he contrast this with the way that the disciples are to live their lives?
5. Who is the “Son of Man,” why did he come and what did he do?

B. Meditation & application

6. When you think about James and John and the “indignant ten,” what do you think motivated them? How can we be a lot like them?
7. James and John did ultimately suffer like Jesus- do you think that this is the lot of everyone who boldly follows Christ? Why / Why not?
8. Do you think those around you would see you as someone who is willing to serve? What is your own assessment of that question?
9. What would it look like for you to become more Christ like in your attitude toward serving? How could you be a servant in your home, your workplace, your church, and among your friends and family?

Dear heavenly Father- Thankyou for the gift of your Son. Thankyou that he become a servant and not just a servant- but obedient unto death- paying our ransom and making us whole. Help us to live our lives seeking not to be first but instead seeking to serve in the way of Jesus. In His Name- Amen.