

Sermon Handout: "Servant Leadership in the Kingdom of God"

Scripture Reference:

Mark 10:35-45

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 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."

Reflection Questions:

1. If God sat across from you in a spiritual performance review, what would He highlight as your strengths? Where might He ask for more?
2. How often do we, like James and John, seek rewards without considering the sacrifices that come with true discipleship?
3. What does it mean to be "all in" for Jesus, and how does that look in our daily lives?

Key Points from the Sermon:

- **Performance Reviews and Faith:** Just like a job performance review, our spiritual walk involves both praise and challenges. God isn't here to condemn, but to lovingly guide us to grow.
- **Misunderstanding Greatness:** James and John sought honor without understanding the true cost. Jesus redefined greatness not as status, but as service and sacrifice.
- **Being All In:** True discipleship means showing up every day, even when it's hard or unnoticed. It's about consistent, selfless love, not seeking recognition.

Challenge for the Week: Reflect on where you might be holding back in your faith journey. Commit to giving God your full heart, not just when it's convenient, but in every moment, trusting that His grace will cover your shortcomings and lead you to greater fullness of life.

Closing Prayer:

"Lord Jesus, thank you for showing us what true greatness looks like. Teach us to serve with joy, even when it's hard. Help us to love without seeking anything in return. Remind us that you are with us, offering grace and strength. Open our hearts to follow you fully. Amen."

Takeaway Thought:

God isn't looking for perfection, just a willing heart to serve, grow, and love fully.