

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

THE FIRST WILL BE LAST

MARK 10:32-45

JUNE 2, 2024

SERMON OUTLINE:

Three extreme principles for living as servants

1. The gospel is, first, a call to be served by Jesus
2. Power should be exercised *for* others, not *over* others
3. Freedom in Christ is freedom to serve

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. This week's sermon opened with an illustration where a girl was wearing a shirt that read, "Put yourself first." If you were to wear a shirt that described your philosophy on life in just one phrase, what would it say and why?
2. Based on Mark 10:37, what seemed to be James and John's motivation in making this request of Jesus? How might we resemble James and John's hearts when we come to God with our requests and desires?
3. Do you tend to see the gospel as, first and foremost, a call to be served by Jesus rather than to serve Jesus? How does this understanding lead you to better worship and submit to Jesus as king?
4. In what ways have you been given power or influence? How can you begin exercising that power in a way which blesses, raises up, and protects those who are below you?
5. Who, in your life, have you been tempted to see as lesser than you? What practical steps can you begin taking to exemplify Christ's extreme servanthood to these people?
6. Jesus calls us to consider ourselves as the least significant. How is this different than considering ourselves insignificant? Why is this distinction important to understand as we live as servants to others?