

ROAD RULES

Mark 10 records 4 events in the life of Christ that Jesus turned into teaching moments, summarizing each story with a simple statement. These statements contain essential principles for Christian living ... they are the rules of the road for anyone wanting to live in God. This series will help us learn about a life of grace, a life of faith, a life of service, and a life without limits.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Mark 10:32-45**. Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. Thinking about **Mark 10:32-34**, where were Jesus and the disciples going and what awaited Jesus there? Why might the disciples have been astonished?
3. What detail did Jesus share with the Twelve about what would happen in Jerusalem? When had he taught them about his suffering and death before? (*Hint: Mark 8:31-32; 9:31-32*)
4. Why do you think Jesus repeated this teaching over and over again? Think about the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to obey God's will. (*Hint: Hebrews 5:8*).
5. Given what Jesus has just said in **verses 33-34**, what is ironic about James and John's request in **verses 35-37**?
6. What did Jesus ask them? What is the "cup"? What is "the baptism"? (*Hint: Matthew 26:39, Romans 6:4*).
7. What does their "we can" show about their faith and their ambition?
8. What promise did Jesus give and what did he mean by it? What did he refuse and why? What did he teach them about God's sovereignty?
9. What did Jesus teach the disciples about how to be truly great?

MOVING FORWARD

How can your life better conform to Jesus' view of greatness? Consider what *motivates* your actions as well as *what* you do. Ask God for the insight and wisdom to detect needs in others so you can serve them in the name of Jesus.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

⁴³ But it must not be like that among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,
⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be a slave to all.
⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life—a ransom for many.” ” **Mark 10:43-45**