

FAITH: FOLLOWS JESUS' EXAMPLE
Mark 10:35-45

Open with Praise Time: - *Lordship of Christ*” – What are some of the things Jesus taught us about the meaning of life? How do those truths give you strength to live?

LESSON PLAN



Denotes Apply:



Connect: an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters.

Ask: If your house caught on fire and you could only escape with one thing, what would that one thing be?

Transition: It's amazing the value we put on possessions or even relationships that aren't the greatest treasures we could possess. Today we are going to look to Jesus for an example to follow.

The Bottom Line: Today Jesus' wants to teach us about the purpose of life.

Background – *Jesus is with the Apostles on their way to Jerusalem. He tells them that He will be betrayed to the chief priests and elders and He will be condemned to death, handed over to the Gentiles, the Romans, who will mock Him, spit on Him flog Him and kill Him. But 3 days later He will rise from the dead. This shocking news is followed by a very ridiculous request from 2 of Jesus closest friends.*

Read Mark 10:35-40

1. What is a bit shocking about the way they approach Jesus?

Actually, it's a bit worse than Mark lets us know. According to Matthew, it was Salome, the mother of James and John who actually made the request. The 2 boys may have put her up to it, thinking she would have more pull with Jesus.

2. How does Jesus respond?

James and John seem to have foot in mouth disease at this moment. Describe a time when you spiritually stuck your proverbial foot in your mouth.

3. What is their request?

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4. What question does Jesus pose to them in response to their request for the best political positions in the new world order?

5. Jesus prayed to the Father in Gethsemane 3 times to let this cup pass Him by. What was the cup Jesus prayed would go away?

 What are some of the sufferings going on around the world because of faith in Christ?

 What are some of the sufferings you personally have endured because you chose to be close to Jesus?

So, they get to share in the cup and the baptism of suffering, but they don't get their request granted to have the greatest positions of political power. They will not get promoted but they are guaranteed persecution. I'm not sure they got the deal they hoped for! James was the very first Apostle to be martyred. Have someone read Acts 12:1-2. God miraculously delivers Peter, but not James. James pays the ultimate price for following Jesus.)

Read Mark 10:41-45

1. How did the other 10 Apostles respond to the request of James, John and dear old mom?

 Does their response to what James and John have tried to pull off seem to make sense to?



Interactive Questions for Table Discussion:

Re-read verses 42-45.

1. Discuss Jesus points He's making to the 12 Apostles.

2. Discuss how you can become great in God's Kingdom while here at Pikes Peak Christian Church.

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3. How can you be a slave to everyone?
4. What stands in the way of you becoming great in God's eyes?



What lesson do you think Jesus wants us to apply today?



CARING TIME: SHARE AND PRAY

(Slide 8) Share the bottom line: Jesus teaches us that following Him is the path to having true purpose in life.

Prayer: Pray to God as a group for strength and wisdom to follow.