



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

THIS WEEK: The Good Church Nurtures Service - Mark 10:35 - 52

GETTING STARTED

- Which is generally easier for you; to serve others or be served by others? Why?

QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

- You look most like Jesus when you serve others. Do you agree with this statement? How would you put this in your own words?
- How would you personally answer the question Jesus asked both James/John and Bartimeaus "What do you want me to do for you?"
- How does servanthood go against human nature? How does it compare with what advertisers compel us to think of ourselves?
- What do you find most difficult in serving others?

QUESTIONS FROM THE PASSAGE (Mark 10:35 - 52)

- What is the "cup" and "baptism" Jesus is talking about? (vs. 38)
- Why did Jesus say that James and John didn't really understand what they were asking? What were they missing? (vs. 38-39)
- What is the relationship between our serving and Jesus' serving? (vs. 43-45)
- How does Jesus' understanding of greatness, power and authority differ from that of the Gentile rulers? (vs. 42-45)
- What was Bartimeaus' response after being healed by Jesus? (vs. 51-52)

APPLICATION

- In what ways do you follow Jesus through serving others?
- Steve mentioned the first step in serving others is noticing the need of others around us. Is this something you've struggled with? How can you begin noticing those around you?
- What are some ways you as a group can serve others this season?
- Take time to pray for one another.