

Mark's Guide to Following Jesus

To Serve and Expect

Mark 10:35-45

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In Mark 10, Jesus leaves His followers with a motto for discipleship:

We *don't* serve Jesus to benefit ourselves (vs. 35-40)

We *do* serve Jesus to benefit other people (vs. 42-45)

Is your personal motto to serve Jesus or to expect something from Him?

Thoughts for discussion...

How is it possible that James and John went from hearing Jesus would die for the 3rd time to immediately asking for positions of honour?

Do we trifle God this way sometimes? Name some examples.

Philippians 2:5-11 has to be one of the greatest passages detailing Jesus' service and imploring the Church to follow His example. Discuss the highlights of Jesus' act of service.

Did you realize this passage came after Paul's instructions for the Philippian Church to, "Value others above yourselves?" Read Philippians 2:1-4 and describe what following Jesus looks like today.

As Jesus says in Mark 9:41, "service" can be as simple as sharing a cup of water in His name. In the context of Mark 10:43-44, Jesus defines "service" in terms of contributing to the community of believers (notice the "among you" in verse 43). Why is it important that Jesus' followers serve each other?

Have you thought about your spiritual gift(s) and how you could bless Calvary by using them? Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and Romans 12:4-8 for a couple lists of some different gifts. Share a gift you think God has given you and tell someone else a gift you see in them.

Pray that Calvary would be a community of followers who faithfully serve Jesus by using their gifts to bring *God* glory.