



Sermon Outline
February 4, 2024
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First & Second
Chair

Mark 10:35-45

* **Encounter Challenge:** Read the four accounts of Jesus' life in **Matthew, Mark, Luke & John** by the end of March.

Encounter #5

Mark 10:35-45 - Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." 36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. 37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." 38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" 39 "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." 41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

* *With James and John angling for cabinet posts in the new Jesus Administration one can almost see the big cartoon bubble above Jesus' head containing one word: ****SIGH*****

Encounter Interpretations:

1. Wouldn't we all like Jesus to do for us _____ we ask?

* *Be careful what you _____. You might get it.*

1 John 5:14 - This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

2. Sometimes, Christ followers would like to enjoy the perks without having to _____.

Luke 14:33 - In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

3. In the World's economy, greatness is measured in terms of how many people _____.

* *Comparison will always leave you either proud or jealous, envious, and discontented.*

* **Selfish ambition is a side-effect of _____.**

* *Pride is a lot like _____ – everyone but you knows you have it.*

4. In God's economy, _____ is the price tag of greatness.

* *Humility isn't thinking _____ of yourself. It's simply thinking of yourself less.*

James 4:10 - Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

* *You know that you truly possess a servant's heart when you get treated like one and it doesn't _____.*

5. There's nothing _____ in Jesus' teaching.

* *God never asks us to do anything He hasn't _____ been willing to do or demonstrate.*

Philippians 2:7-8 - Rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

* *Your life as a Christ follower should make nonbelievers question their disbelief in God. – Dietrich Bonhoeffer*