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EQUIPPING FOR SERVICE

37 They answered him,
“Allow us to sit at your
right and at your left in
your glory.”

32 They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were astonished, but those who followed him were afraid. Taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them the things that would happen to him.

33 “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death. Then they will hand him over to the Gentiles,

34 and they will mock him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him, and he will rise after three days.”



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WHY WE SERVE

Mark 10:42-45



How the World Defines Greatness

Mark 10:42

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42 Jesus called them over and said to them, “Those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions act as tyrants over them. that

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42 Jesus called them over and said to them, **You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions act as tyrants over them.**

MARK 10:42

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Worldly Leadership is Self-Focused

How this Mindset Slips into the Church

Jesus Exposes the Motive



A Line of Distinction Between the World and the Kingdom

Mark 10:43a

MARK 10:43

MARK

43 But _____
among you. ...

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MARK 10:43

MARK

43 But it is not so
among you. ...

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This is personal.

MARK 10:43

MARK

43 But **it is not so**

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MARK 10:43

MARK

43 But it is not so
among you. ...

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We Must Reject Worldly Thinking



The Kingdom Redefines Greatness

Mark 10:43b-44

43 On the contrary,
whoever wants to
become great among
you will be your servant,

MARK 10:43–44

MARK

44 and whoever wants
to be first among you
will be a slave to all.

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Jesus Does Not Eliminate the Desire
for Greatness – He Redirects It

43 On the contrary,
whoever wants to
become _____ among
you will be your servant,

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**whoever wants to
become great among
you will be your servant,**

**Greatness is Measured by Service,
not Status**

MARK 10:43

MARK

43 But it shall not be so among you. **But whoever would be great among you must be your _____,**

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MARK 10:43

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43 But it shall not be so among you. **But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,**

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MARK 10:44

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Jesus is the Reason We Serve

Mark 10:45

45 the Son of Man
did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give his
life as a ransom for many.”

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.”

Jesus Redefines Power Through Sacrifice



MARK 10:45

MARK

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and **to give his life as a _____ for many.**"

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MARK 10:45

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“A Ransom for Many”

MARK 10:45

MARK

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Service is not an attempt to repay
Jesus



The Cross Shapes the Way We Serve



As We Close..

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