



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, March 5, 2023

PORTRAITS OF A SAVIOUR

Servant

Read/Reflect

1. Read Matthew 20:20-28 and Mark 10:35-45. What similarities and/or differences do you notice from these two passages?
2. What do you think about the response of the disciples in v.24 to James and John? Why do you think they responded the way they did? How would you have responded if you were among the 10 disciples there?
3. In v.28, when Jesus says “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many,” he is not referring to 2 things but 1. In other words, what Jesus came to do is not serve *and* give His life but Jesus is saying that He came to serve, *that is*, to give His life as a ransom for many.¹ How can Jesus giving His life as a ransom for many be a way of serving? How would you describe the connection?

Explore

1. As you begin the meeting, spend some time to draw a portrait of Jesus as servant. Show each other your portrait of Jesus as servant and share why you have chosen to portray Him in the way you did.
2. Jesus said to His disciples that those who want to be great among them must take the lowest and humblest position to serve others. Does this mean that followers of Jesus should not seek to be in positions of leadership and authority? How do you reconcile what Jesus is saying with seeking prominent (or “higher”) positions of leadership and authority?
3. What do you think Jesus means by “ransom”? Ask each member of your life group find and read aloud these passages: John 1:29; 2Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; Heb. 9:28; 1Pet. 2:24. How do they help you understand what Jesus means by “ransom”?
4. The way Jesus served is by going to the cross. He died so other may live. How does this shape the way you think about serving? How does this change the way you serve others?

Pray

- Read Isaiah 53. Together with your life group, discuss how you could set aside time throughout the week to meditate on smaller portions of this chapter (for example, on day 1, read and meditate on vv.1-3 and on day 2, read and meditate on vv.4-6, and so on). Give thanks for what God has done for us in Jesus.

¹ In this verse, the conjunction “and” in the Greek is functioning epexegetically – meaning, what follows after the “and” further explains or expands on what precedes it. Thus, Jesus giving His life as a ransom for many explains the way in which He serves.