

# THE SERVANTHOOD OF THE SERVANT



**TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**MARK 10:35-45**  
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# I. THE REQUEST OF JAMES AND JOHN



- Mark 10:35

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee,  
come unto him, saying,

Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us  
whatsoever we shall desire.

# The Reply of Jesus



- Mark 10:36,  
And he said unto them,  
What would ye that I should do for you?

# The Request for Honor and Glory



- Mark 10:37,  
They said unto him,

Grant unto us that we may sit,  
one on thy right hand,  
and the other on thy left hand,  
in thy glory.

## II. THE RESPONSE OF JESUS



- Mark 10:38,  
But Jesus said unto them,

Ye know not what ye ask:

can ye drink of the cup that I drink of?

and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

# III. THE REASSURANCE OF THE BROTHERS



- Mark 10:39,  
And they said unto him, **We can.**

## **THE REALITY OF THE STATEMENT**

And Jesus said unto them,  
Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of;  
and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye  
be baptized:

# IV. THE REBUKE OF THE MASTER



- Mark 10:40,  
But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is  
not mine to give;  
but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.

# V. THE REACTION OF THE TEN



- Mark 10:41,  
And when the ten heard it,  
they began to be much displeased  
with James and John.

# VI. THE REVIEW OF GREATNESS



- Mark 10:42,  
But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them,  
Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles  
exercise lordship over them;  
and their great ones exercise authority upon them.
- Mark 10:43,  
But so shall it not be among you:  
but whosoever will be great among you,  
shall be your minister:
- Mark 10:44,  
And whosoever of you will be the chiefest,  
shall be servant of all.

## VII. THE RECOGNITION OF THE SERVANTHOOD OF THE SON OF MAN



- Mark 10:45,  
For even the Son of man came not to be ministered  
unto,  
  
but to minister,  
  
and to give his life a ransom for many.

## VIII. THE REALIZATIONS FOR THE DISCIPLES



1. That Jesus is approachable. You can make your requests to Him.
2. That Jesus is gracious and longsuffering with His children.
3. That there will be future rewards and positions in His kingdom, but they are bestowed upon faithful servants for actual service rendered.
4. That our focus should be more on Christ and His work than on the benefit package.
5. That we must guard our hearts against selfish ambition and pride.
6. That we must not compete spiritually with our fellow Christian brothers and sisters and try to out rank them.
7. That we must not come across self-confident and cocky.

# LESSONS CONTINUED...



8. That suffering for Christ usually precedes ruling with Christ.
9. That we must not be critical of others when they verbalize our own heart's desires.
10. That we do not adopt the world's philosophy for measuring greatness.
11. That we do not strive to be served by others.
12. That we seek to serve others.
13. That God will reward those who sacrificially served the Lord and others.
14. That our motivation for serving others should be the example of Christ Himself, the ultimate Servant.

# THE RIGHT WORSHIP RESPONSE



Dear Master and Lord:

Thank you for your patience with my pride and my self-seeking ways. Thank you for providing the ultimate example of servanthood by giving your life for me on the cross that I could be set free from my sin. Please crucify my desires to be served, to be seen as great, and to rule over my fellow man. Raise up in me a spirit of humility that wants to serve others. Make me a servant like You, dear Lord. Amen.

# IX. THE REALIZATIONS FOR UNBELIEVERS



1. There is a **realm** of glory and a kingdom that is glorious to consider (10:37).
2. There is a **Ruler**, the King of glory (10:37).
3. There are **rules** of the kingdom that we have violated (i.e. by our attitudes, words and actions).
4. The **result** of breaking the rules is death.
5. The **ransom** needed to secure the kingdom.
6. The **redemption** is found in the work of Christ.

# THE RIGHT RESPONSE



Dear God:

I believe there is a God that reigns. I believe there is a place of glory called heaven. I also realize that I have failed to keep your rules, your commandments for entering your heaven. I recognize that the proper wage for my sin debt is death and eternal separation from You and Your heaven.

I also believe that Jesus Christ suffered my wrath and died in my place to ransom me from my bondage of sin and rose again the third day. I now ask You Lord to save me, to forgive me of all my sins.

I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.