



Mark 10:35-45

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Today we're finishing up our City On A Hill series. Over the past few weeks we have talked in details about what it means to be salt and light in our world. Stepping out of the shadow of being a new church that not a lot of people know about and being a church that has yet to make a significant impact on the community and world around us.

We believe that God is calling us as a church to be a church that **makes disciples that make a difference** in their world. And with that thought in mind this is why we are going to be studying this passage of scripture today in Mark 10:35-45. Because if as a new Christian one of the first books of the bible you should read is either 1 John or the Gospel of John then after that as a growing disciple of Jesus you most certainly need to read the gospel of Mark. **The Gospel of Mark is more than a book about Jesus. It is a book about being a disciple of Jesus.** It is practical in the orientation of its teaching leading you and I to understand some of the most basic components of what it means to really be a follower of Jesus, a disciple of Christ.

Ok, now with that backdrop let's read our text for today. (READ MARK 10:35-45 NCV)

How many of you know that sometimes the words we speak can get us into all kinds of trouble. I can not remember who first said this to me but over the years I have heard it said a hundred times over by all kinds of people. By a show of hands let me see how many of you have ever head this said before? ***"Be careful what you ask for because you just might get it."*** How many have head that statement before?

Well someone probably needed to mention that statement to the apostles James and John before they got to this point of asking Jesus to do something for them that they had very little

knowledge about. While Jesus was trying to teach the disciples how be the difference and how to make a difference in the wold where they lived the disciples were trying to figure out how to gain notoriety, influence, and a place of prominence. The disciples at this time still was just not getting the point.

And so with all of the confusion Jesus now sets out to define for the disciples what it really means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

- ³⁸ *Jesus said, "You don't understand what you are asking. Can you drink **the cup** that I must drink? And can you be baptized with the same kind of baptism that I must go through?"* - (Mark 10:38 NCV)

He is clearly communicating to the disciples that what they think and what they know are two different things.

If you remember In the Old Testament a cup is sometimes a symbol of joy and salvation (Pss 16:5; 23:5; 116:13), but more often it is a symbol of the wrath of God. Here in our text the words Cup and Baptism are symbols of the difficulty, troubles, suffering that Jesus will endure in order to fulfill the plan of God for why He came to earth. That is to live a live a perfect life, suffer and die on the cross, and then raise from the grave providing the opportunity of salvation to all. And in the process of explaining this to them he clarifies for them that they too will endure these same types of struggle but for different purpose. Not for the purpose of providing salvation but for the purpose of proclamation of salvation, the good news of Jesus Christ.

Let's take a few minutes to talk this through

Jesus Gave His Life As A Ransom To Provide A Way Back To God!

- ⁴⁵ *In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve others and to give his life as a **ransom** for many people.* - Mark 10:35-45 NCV

Now, the word **Ransom** can be defined as: A price for redeeming or liberating slaves, captives, property, or life. **Jesus describes his entire ministry as one of service in giving his life “as a ransom for many” (Mt 20:28; Mk 10:45).**

Jesus is the ultimate answer to humanities unmeasurable question! If there is a God, “How can I know Him?” What must I do to be saved. I there hope, purpose, or meaning for life? Even the jailer in Acts 16 posed this same type of question to the Apostle Paul and Silas.

- “²⁹ *The jailer told someone to bring a light. Then he ran inside and, shaking with fear, fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He brought them outside and said, “Men, what must I do to be saved?” - (Acts 16:29-30)*

Because deep within every man, women, and child there is a basic understanding that there is nothing that we can do in and of ourselves to provide salvations for our own souls and the healing of our broken relationship with God.

- Jesus - “*For what can a man give in return for his soul?*” (Mark 8:37)
- “⁵ *There is one God and one mediator so that human beings can reach God. That way is through Christ Jesus, who is himself human. ⁶ He gave himself as a payment to free all people. He is proof that came at the right time.*” - (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

Jesus is the ultimate answer to humanities unmeasurable question of can we know God... Jesus is our ransom!

We Give Our Lives As A Ransom For The Proclamation Of The Way Back To God!

And just like Jesus our lives must be poured out like a ransom for the people of our world. (LIKE/disLIKE, etc.)

- “⁴⁴ *Whoever wants to become the first among you must serve all of you like a slave.*” - (Mark 10:44)

When we are not focused on serving, helping, and proclaiming the good news of Jesus to others we become focused on ourselves.

- “*Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.*” (Philippians 2:4 Msg)

You see, if we are going to make the difference in the world that Jesus is expecting for us to make while we are here on this earth then we are going to need to know the things that Jesus is expecting us to know, be the people that Jesus is expecting us to be, say the words that Jesus is expecting us to speak, do the things that Jesus is expecting us to do and endure those things that that Jesus is expecting us to endure.

- “⁴⁴ *Whoever wants to become the first among you must serve all of you like a slave.*” - (Mark 10:44)
- “²⁴ *Then Jesus said to his followers, “If people want to follow me, they must give up the things they want. They must be willing even to give up their lives to follow me.” - (Matthew 16:24)*

In a ME centered world one of our greatest challenges as believers is to live with an others first mindset & lifestyle.

THREE WORDS THAT DEFINE A DISCIPLES LIFE:

Sacrifice:

- Time, Talent, Treasures

Service:

- Available to serve
- Faithfully to serve
- Teachable in serving

Suffering:

- Giving up what you want for what someone else wants
 - Own desire, pleasures, preferences
- Giving up your will for someone else's will
- Giving up you life in practice, in purpose, and in existence for someone else.