

Discussion Guide

WEEK # 26

Mark 10:32-52

From Andy Stanley's Sermon

Kingdom Great

Fear invites us to follow the path of self-preservation. However, if we follow that path long enough, we will neither preserve nor have anything to show for our lives. The original disciples of Jesus had the same tendencies at times. One one occasion, Jesus reminded them of what it means to follow him by saying four powerful words that still apply to his followers today. Verse 43. (NIV) **NOT SO WITH YOU**

1. Have you ever worked for someone who was intentional about leveraging their influence for your benefit? What was that like?
2. Read John 13:3–17.
 - What stands out to you?
 - We're told how Peter responded to this uncomfortable occasion. • How do you think you would have responded?
3. Read Mark 10:32–45.
 - What stands out to you?
 - Looking at verses 36–37, what is something we do that is similar to that?
4. What is one thing you can do this week to demonstrate not-so-with-you leadership at home? At work? At church? In the community?

From Exalting Jesus in Mark

How would you answer someone who asked you, "Why did Jesus have to die?" Can you give three reasons?

What have you done for the sake of your commitment to Jesus that was misunderstood by the people around you?

How is it comforting to know that God has a plan for your life? Does the plan guarantee freedom from suffering? What is the comfort and encouragement in this?

How does servanthood go against human nature? How does it compare with what advertisers compel us to think of ourselves?

How do we put away the mind-set of the world and adopt the mind-set of Christ? Where does the power and help come from to do this? How long does it take?

Does being a slave imply working for salvation? Why not?

How are a “servant” and a “slave” the same? How are they different? Which best describes various aspects of the Christian life?

In what ways was Jesus an example for us in service and humility and sacrifice? What is the limitation of building a theology around “Jesus is my example”? How would you explain substitutionary atonement in two sentences?

How would you answer someone who asked if “Jesus had to pay a ransom to Satan in order to obtain our souls?”

From Tim Keller’s Study Guide

Compare 10:32 to 9:31 and 8:31. What new details and concepts does Jesus add to this teaching about his death?

.a) How does the question (v.35) and the request (v.37) of James and John show that they still don't understand the meaning of the cross, of “glory” and of “greatness”? b) What does James and John's request — and Jesus' response — teach us about prayer?

a) What are the “cup” and the “baptism”? Read Is.41:17-23. b) To what degree do we do we share in them with Jesus?

Read v.45. What is Jesus saying about his death (especially when he calls it a “ransom”) that he has not told us before?

Read Isaiah 53:2-12. If, as is likely, Jesus had this prophecy in mind, what else did he believe about his impending death?

What is Jesus saying about us when he says he dies to ransom us? (Follow-up question: in what ways are we “in bondage”?)

Read v.45. Despite the theological depth of Jesus' statement, his use of it is extremely practical. How is he using the doctrine of the substitutionary atonement in the lives of his disciples?

This is Jesus' last healing miracle. Why do you think Mark places it here? How is Bartimaeus a good example for us?

What was the most helpful or impressive thing that you learned today personally? What practical difference can it make in your life?

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(Andy Stanley - week #5) <https://northpoint.org/messages/youre-not-far/kingdom-great>

[#35 Jesus Heals the Blind - Christopher Hilken \(51:04\)](#)

[Not So With You, Alistair Begg \(42:40\)](#)

[A Ransom For Many - Alistair Begg \(28:54\)](#)

[“I Want To See” - Alistair Begg \(37:47\)](#)