

The Heart of Christianity and Purpose of Life (Mark 10:35-45)

- This passage confronts us with how the Gospel transforms our very lives
- Read this text, ask the question what does the Gospel really make of us?
- It transforms us into the likeness of: Master, Son of Man, Servant King
- Mark's context dramatic: written at a time of great turmoil & persecution
- Mark 10:45 key verse to whole book: Jesus, servant & ransom for many

I. The Danger of Missing Jesus' Servant Call to the Kingdom (vv. 36-41)

- Jesus had been with the disciples three years, He is approaching the cross
- James & John show by their request: one thing right & the rest wrong
- Right: they are sure Jesus is destined for glory & they want to be partakers
- Wrong: both of them want to sit next to Jesus on his throne in glory
- Jesus' question: are you able to drink my cup and share my baptism?
- Are they able to suffer, to be despised and rejected, murdered for love?

II. Jesus' rebuke and More than an Example Given (vv.42-45)

- Jesus warns: His Power & authority are unlike the world's authority (42)
- Jesus' statement: "it is not this way among you" Kingdom is not like this

v. 43 "whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant"

- Pathway to greatness: suffering & sacrifice, only the lowly will be exalted

v. 44 "and whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all"

- What does it mean to become slave of all? Jesus answers: His example!

vs 45. Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, & to give His life a ransom for many."