

THE WAY TO A GREAT LIFE

(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 53)

March 14, 2021

The Passage: Matthew 20:17-34

GREATNESS IN GOD'S EYES- vs. 20-28

In pursuing real life, you'll feel like _____

'Die' to using power _____; instead, use it _____

JESUS' DEMONSTRATION OF GREATNESS- vs. 29-34

_____ those in need

THE GREATER THING- v. 34

Being with _____

Fill-ins: you're dying; for yourself; for others; Engaging with & serving; Jesus

Life Group Questions for the Week of March 14, 2021

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. Mt. 20:20 starts with the word "then," signifying James and John's mom made her request to ^{Jesus} right after his prediction in verses 17 through 19. What do you think about her timing in doing this?
3. How would you have defined greatness when you were a kid? Have you seen your view of greatness change over the years? If so, explain.
4. Discuss differences between the way the world rules/uses power and authority as opposed to the ways of God's kingdom.
5. Jesus' definition of the great life is completely reorienting: the way to greatness is in putting others before yourself in service. What are ways Jesus embodies/models this new definition?
6. Jesus said it's more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). In what ways can this be experienced when it comes to using our time, our ability and our money in serving others?
7. Jesus asks different individuals "What is it you want?" (v. 21) "What do you want me to do for you?" (v. 32). If Jesus asked you those same questions, how would you answer?
8. After a message like we heard this Sunday, most of us are charged up and ready to serve and put others first. Yet, it's also frustrating when we suddenly find the passion and action of serving fading away. How does Deuteronomy 8:10-18 help keep us "others-focused"?
9. One thing we can do in applying Sunday's message is to out-serve those we most regularly come in contact with, starting in your family/home. What are a couple of ways you're serving at home? Are there two or three things you can add to your service at home? If so, explain.