

Welcome to SPC Kids Corner!

Sunday, February 25, 2024

JESUS CAME TO SERVE

Mark 10:32-52

Key Verse:

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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The Point:

Jesus came to serve and calls us to do the same.

Making Connections:

The Call to Serve

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Names of Jesus

Spiritual Practice:

Service



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

In the Gospel of Mark, the disciples struggle to understand Jesus' teachings and his role as the Messiah. Jesus repeatedly redirects their attention back to the cross even as he serves and heals. Today we hear Jesus speak about his death and resurrection for the third time after calling on a rich man to sell all he owns and give it to those in need. Jesus calls his people to a life of service and discipleship even as he moves closer and closer to the cross. The glory that will belong to all believers comes through death and not in the ways that humans would typically predict or desire.

Story Summary:

Jesus Came to Serve

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The Point

Jesus came to serve, and calls us to do the same. Despite Jesus' clear announcement, James and John still do not understand the true nature of Jesus' identity as the Messiah. They ask—actually demand—that he place them on either side of him when he is in his messianic glory. As usual, Jesus turns their ideas around. Instead of granting a life of glory, Jesus challenges the disciples—and all of us—to a life of service.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

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Spiritual Practice: Service

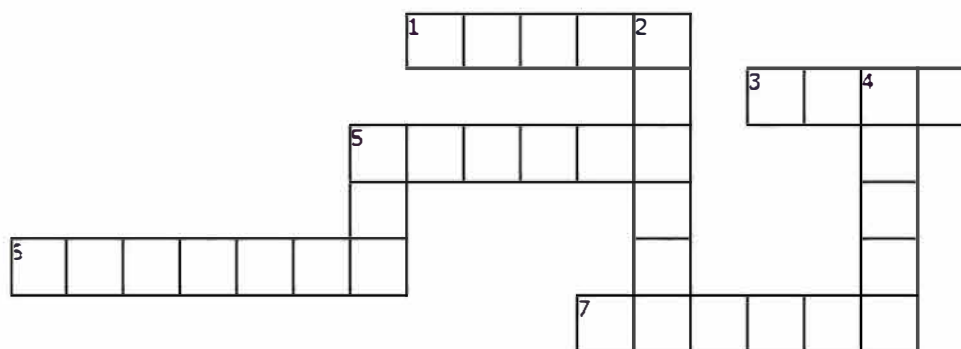
This reading represents all that Jesus taught about who he was and who we are to be. Jesus reminds us that greatness does not come from being glorified in earthly ways, but through serving one another. He himself tells his disciples that and demonstrates it through his own ministry.



Winning the Prize

"And whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:44-45 (NLT)

Based on Mark 10:35-45



ACROSS

1. The direction that is the opposite of left
3. The direction that is the opposite of right
5. To feel physical or mental pain
6. A person who works for another person
7. to be in front; to be first

DOWN

2. A special chair used by a king or queen
4. To do something to help someone, often after they ask you to do it
5. To occupy a chair

RIGHT	LEFT	SERVANT	LEADER
THRONE	FAVOR	SUFFER	SIT



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great
among you must be your servant.
Mark 10:43 (NIV)

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JOHN	LEFT	RULER	FIRST	ZEBEDEE
HONOR	SERVANT	JAMES	LEADER	PLACE
SUFFER	RIGHT	THRONE	REQUEST	FAVOR
AUTHORITY	SLAVE	SIT	WORLD	SONS



THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS
3RD-6TH**

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-24

Mark 10:32-52

LAST WEEK

Jesus told a rich man that following Jesus means giving up his connection to money (Mark 10:17-31).

THIS WEEK

Jesus teaches his disciples as they walk toward Jerusalem. James and John ask for places of honor, but Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God is not about places of honor, but about service to others (Mark 10:32-52).

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NEXT WEEK

Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem, and is teaching in the temple. The religious leaders confront him there with questions meant to trap him (Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]).

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PRACTICE SERVICE

Jesus reminds us that greatness does not come from being glorified in earthly ways, but through serving one another. He tells his disciples that and shows it through his own ministry. Continue working with the service project that you identified last week.

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about the theme of The Call to Serve?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Mark 10:35-45

Jesus came to serve.

Choose one family member to serve this week in one simple way.

Monday—Read Mark 10:45-62

A man who is blind sees Jesus better than the disciples.

Take turns closing your eyes and saying something you know about Jesus. Do you need to be able to see to know Jesus and tell others about him?

Tuesday—Read Mark 11:12-19

A fig tree and the temple.

Jesus is angry because people are not using the temple as they should. What kinds of things make you angry?

Wednesday—Read Mark 11:20-25

The power of prayer.

If you could have any prayer answered, what would it be?

Thursday—Read Mark 11:27-33

A question of authority.

Sometimes Jesus seems to speak in riddles. Share your favorite riddles. Look online if you do not know any.

Friday—Read Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]

The parable of the wicked tenants.

Act out this story—gently.

Saturday—Read Psalm 118:21-26

The chief cornerstone.

Build something with blocks. Try to remove a bottom block. What happens?