

## Sermon Discussion Questions for December 6, 2015

### Mark 10:35-45

### WHY? Advent Sermon Series

Intro: If Jesus were to ask you today the question, “What do you want me to do for you?” (vs. 36) – what would your answer be, and why?

1. “Jesus came to radically change our world view.”
  - a. What is a “world view”?
  - b. What view of honor and power did James and John reveal with their question in vs. 37?
  - c. What does the response of the other ten disciples reveal about their hearts (vs. 41)?
  - d. In vs. 42-44, what did Jesus teach about “suffering servant leadership”?
  - e. What is the significance of our Lord’s reference to “the cup” and “baptism” in vs. 38?
  - f. The discussion of these verses is a continuation of our Lord’s teaching in the previous chapter (see *Mark 9:33-37*). Why did they not get it the first time? Why don’t we get it?
  - g. The term “servant leadership” has been used for decades in the Christian community for decades. Why did Pastor Hopper introduce the extended term, “suffering-servant leadership”? (see *Isaiah 52:13 53:12*)
  - h. Do you think the church has done a good job of both teaching and modeling for its members the Biblical call to “suffering-servant leadership”?
  - i. Interact with this recent Facebook quote referenced by Pastor Hopper:  
“1944: 18-20 year olds stormed enemy beaches, parachuted behind enemy lines, charged into battles and almost certain death.  
2015: 18-20 year olds need ‘safe zones’ on college campuses to protect their fragile emotions from ‘offensive’ words.”  
PARENTS: Are you modeling and teaching your children what it means to live a life of “suffering-servant leadership”?  
What is the difference between the “individual” and “individualism”?
2. Jesus came to radically change our world via the gospel!

- a. What is a “ransom”?
  - b. In what way was/is Jesus our “ransom”?
  - c. By using this word, the following implications follow:
    - i. We are held captive by our \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii. We do not possess the means to devise our own \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii. We do not possess the means to pay our own \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iv. By “drinking the cup”, Jesus paid our ransom in \_\_\_\_\_.
    - v. Our deliverance is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Why did Jesus come to earth?
- a. last week’s answer – Jesus came to . . .
  - b. this week’s answer – Jesus came to . . .
  - c. How then shall we live, as individuals, families, and as a church family?