



Mark 10:35-37; 41-45 (NIV)

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?

Worship * Connect * Serve



Three Questions:

- How do you measure your life?
- How should you measure your life?
- How will your life be measured by God in the end?

Society tends to measure your life by your _____.

Your Effectiveness – Your Numbers – Your Stats

TRUTH: You may have great stats but still be a horrible person.

Here's what Jesus had to say: The Parable of the Sower – Mark 4:1-20

Summary: Your life is measured by God by the sacrificial love expressed in service by putting yourself aside and looking instead at how you will bless others, encourage others, and build up God's church and His kingdom by serving.

Society tends to measure your life by your _____.

Income – House – Neighborhood – Car – Clothes – Possessions

TRUTH: You can be among the richest but still be a horrible person.

Look at what Jesus had to say: The Parable of the Talents – Matthew 25:14-28

Summary: Jesus is saying that it doesn't matter how much you have, but what you do with what you have. God measures your life by what you give back to God, to people, and to ministries. How do you serve God by what you give through your time, talent and resources?

Even the disciples wrestled with Jesus' call to serve.

- Three times we find the disciples arguing over this question:
"Which one of us is the greatest?" Mark 9:34; Matthew 18:1; Luke 9:46
- Even at the Last Supper the disciples argued over which one of them would be the greatest. Luke 22:24; John 13:1-17

The Request of James and John

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Verse 35 – (James and John speaking)

"Teacher...we want you to do for us whatever we ask." (CEB)

Verse 36 – (Jesus speaking)

"What do you want me to do for you?" (CEB)

Verse 37 – (James and John speaking)

"When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left." (NLT)

Verse 41 – When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. (NIV)

Verses 42-45 – (Jesus speaking)

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Jesus says that your greatness is defined by your service.
When you serve, you change hearts, minds and society.
When you serve, you become like Christ.

Sources: How do you measure your life?, Adam Hamilton; Making a Difference, Jeff Strite.