

Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 33: Know What You're Asking

Passage: Mark 10:32-45



Conversation Starter:

What is something that God has used during this time to encourage you or strengthen your faith?

Read Mark 10:32-45

In the first part of this passage (vs. 32-34), we find Jesus walking up to Jerusalem followed by His disciples. There is a mixture of amazement and fear coming from His followers. *Why do you think his followers had a mixture of those feelings? Have you had a time in your walk with Jesus where you have experienced those feelings?*

Amid this, Jesus speaks directly to his 12 closest disciples and tells them for the third time exactly what is going to happen. There are many times that we as Christians would like to have fore-sight into what God is going to do. It is usually couched within the term of "God's will". We would love for God to just tell us His will so that we could do it. *What has your pursuit of God's will in your life looked like?* Pastor Dwain defined how we can go about living into God's will like this: **Jesus' will is that you and I follow Him day by day, on His way. Then, whatever happens is His will.** *How does that definition compare to your pursuit of God's will in your life?*

Re-read vs. 35-40. What are James and John really asking for in this passage? What does their question reveal about what they value the most? Is there a danger for this kind of behavior or approach for Christians today? What would it look like and how can we guard ourselves from it?

Finally, *re-read vs. 42-45. What does Jesus state as being the defining characteristics of His disciples as the Kingdom of God is made manifest? Close your time praying that God would increase those characteristics in yourself and those in your group.*

Ways to dig deeper:

- [Everlasting Man](#) by G.K. Chesterton