

# Bible Study Questions

## ***The Servant – Mark 10:32-45***

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### **Focus**

Jesus is the suffering servant who has freely given His life on the cross as a ransom for many. Therefore, as we consider what it means to follow Jesus and to be part of His kingdom, serving others is a defining characteristic of a true disciple.

### **Read**

[Mark 10:32-45](#)

### **Listen**

CCNYC teaching on Mark 10 which can be found on our [website](#)

*As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.*

### **Some Questions for Study and Reflection**

1. This is the third time that Jesus has taught His disciples about His upcoming death and resurrection. Review the previous two times in 8:31 and 9:30-31. What are some of the similarities and differences?
2. After each time Jesus foretells His death and resurrection, the disciples then respond, to which Jesus then provides teaching about what it means to be His disciple. Review the first two times this happens (8:32-9:1 and 9:32-37) and compare it to what happens here. What do you learn?
3. Jesus affirms in verse 39 that James and John will drink the cup and be baptized. How is this different from what they were originally asking for?
4. What is the kind of leadership and authority exercised by the world (v.42)?
5. What is the kind of leadership and authority that is to define those who belong to Jesus (vv.43-44)?
6. Mark 10:45 is really the theme verse of Mark's Gospel. Carefully unpack every word of this verse. Why is it so significant?
7. What's the connection between verse 44 and verse 45?

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### **Closing Reflection and Application**

8. Why do you think Jesus repeatedly and in detail told His disciples what was going to happen to Him in Jerusalem?
9. How would you answer someone who asked you, “Why did Jesus have to die?”
10. According to Sunday’s sermon, in what way is the cross of Jesus both a ‘means’ and a ‘model’ for us?
11. Can you think of places in the Bible that affirm the goodness of godly leadership and authority? (Hint: there are several!)
12. How does servanthood go against human nature? How does it compare with what advertisers compel us to think of ourselves?
13. How do we put away the mindset of the world and adopt the mindset of Christ? Where does the power and help come from to do this? How long does it take?
14. In whatever position of leadership and authority you have, are you currently using your position to serve others? What are some practical ways you can improve upon this?
15. In whatever work you’re called to do, what are some of the ways you can go about your work in order to communicate that you understand your calling to be that of a servant?
16. How would you feel if people around you treated you like a servant?
17. Have you asked God for anything over the past week? What did you pray for? What does that teach you about yourself? What might you now pray for in light of this passage?