

LIFE Group Guide

Service

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THE ORCHARD

Read: Matthew 20:20-28

Outline:

Temptation 1: Our hearts long for worldly status. (vv. 20-21)

Following Jesus means we will face suffering. (vv. 22-23)

Temptation 2: Our hearts are full of prideful ambition. (v. 24-25)

Following Jesus means we become humble servants. (vv. 26-28)

Discussion Questions

1. What encouraged, nourished, or challenged you from this sermon? The scripture passage?
2. James, John and their mother's request to be at Jesus' right and left hands came from a place of faith but also showed some of their sinful desires. What are ways that our desire for worldly status can infect our faith?
3. What does Jesus mean when he references a cup that he has to drink? What does it mean for us to have to drink the same cup as Jesus?
4. We often use our places of authority for our own benefit, rather than the good of others. What examples of this can you think of in your own life?
5. Jesus had ultimate authority but took the lowliest place. How do we see Jesus doing this in the Gospels? What would it look like for you to serve those how might be "under" you?
6. This passage points to what Jesus has done on the Cross. What does Jesus' "cup" and the fact that he came to give his life as a ransom tell us about what he accomplished on the cross? How do those truths help us to suffer and serve?