



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
R O C H E S T E R

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**June 23, 2024**

**Refresh**

Read Mark 10:32-45 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

**Discuss**

What is problematic about the statement, “You can still be a Christian and not go to church”? Why do you think some professing believers want to diminish the significance of being an active part of a local church? Why is it good and right for us to push back against a statement like this?

Why is a proper understanding of serving others so critical to the discussion about exercising our spiritual gifts? Why is serving others so closely connected to how one ought to use his spiritual gifts?

What did James and John’s request of Jesus reveal about them in our passage? In what ways are we very much the same way in our own lives? Why do positions of power and prestige often tempt us?

What is Jesus trying to help them understand in verse 38? In what ways is their request one made out of ignorance?

How does Jesus contrast the difference between leadership in the world and His kingdom? Why are the differences so important for believers to understand and embrace?

Who are some individuals throughout history that were considered “great”? What tends to cause us to think of people as “great”? How is Jesus’ teaching about true greatness different than this world’s understanding?

How does Philippians 2:5-11 help us to see true greatness in the life of Jesus? In what ways should this inform how we ought to live as believers today?