



INTRODUCTION

Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was not an unfortunate end to His ministry but the very reason He came: He willingly went to the cross to give His life as a ransom for sinners. As we consider why Jesus came, we will see that His death not only accomplishes our salvation but also transforms the way we understand greatness, service, suffering, and sacrifice

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- What is your overall impression of Jesus in this passage?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Mark 10.32-45-31**
- Why does Jesus tell his disciples beforehand of his death?
- Why did Jesus focus on a handful, instead of the masses?
- Why do you think they treated Jesus so shamefully?
- What are the world's values vs. Christ's values?
- What does it mean that Jesus gave his life as a ransom?

APPLICATION

- How should knowing that Jesus willingly suffered for us affect the way we respond to Him?
- Why is the desire for recognition and importance so deeply rooted in us?
- What do our prayers and the things we ask God for reveal about what we value?
- What would it look like to pursue greatness through serving rather than being served?
- Why is substitutionary atonement essential to understanding the gospel?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?