

“Servant hood”
Matthew 20:20-28

True greatness in Christ’s Kingdom

1. A Misguided Prayer
20-23

vv.

(1) The Request (20-21)
may sit,

“Grant that these two sons of mine

other

one on Your right hand and the

- From James and John
kingdom.”

on the left, in Your

through their mother

- Requesting the highest positions in the kingdom!

(2) The Answer (22-23)

“You do not know what you ask.
Are you able to drink the cup
that I am about to drink,
and be baptized with the

baptism

that I am baptized

with?”

-2- A call to self-examination

-3- Their rashness exposed
able.”

“They said to Him, ‘We are

-4- The answer given v. 23

(3) The Ugly Repercussions! (24)
it,

“And when the ten heard

displeased

-1- The others indignant!
brothers.”

they were greatly

with the two

-2- All engaged in a dispute! (cf. // Lk. 22:24)

2. The Needful Instruction
25-28

vv.

(1) The Way of the World concerning Greatness and Authority (25)

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over
them,
and those who are great exercise authority over
them.”

(2) The Way of Christ and His Kingdom (26-28)

-1- Entirely different from the world!
you” “Yet it shall not be so among

-2- The path to true greatness: Servant hood!

“but whoever desires
to become great among
you,
servant.
let him be your

slave”

And whoever desires
to be first among you,
let him be your

-3- Exemplified in the “Servant of servants”

- just as the Son of Man did not come
to be served, but to serve,

many.”

and to give His life a ransom for

Further Application