

What's In It For Me?

Mark 10:35-45

Striving Together

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*Mt 19:27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. **Therefore what shall we have?**" 28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.*

In order to qualify for true greatness Jesus said we must:

1. Put aside **power politics** : verse 35-37
 - a. We can't seek **preeminence**
 - b. We can't seek position
 - c. We can't seek power
2. Put aside **personal ambition**: verse 38 – 41
 - a. Greatness is not found in **success** but in **suffering** Mt 10:24-25; Jn 15:20; Mt 24:9
 - b. Greatness is not being **superior** it's being a **servant**. Mk 9:35
 - c. Greatness doesn't start with a **crown** it starts with a **cross**. Mt 5:11; Mk 8:34
3. Put away worldly **patterns**: verse 42- 45
 - a. Jesus called us **to** himself –verse 42
 - b. Jesus calls us **from** the world system – verse 42
 - c. Jesus calls us **for** true greatness – verse 43-44
 - i. Slave speaks to our **identity**
 - ii. Servants speaks to our **ministry**
 - d. Jesus calls us **to be like** him verse 45 –
 - i. He is our prime **example**. (Diakonos)
 - ii. He is our perfect **motivation** - Ransom

So what is in it for me? There is a much better question. **Why me?**

Ro 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.