4. Conclusion

1. The pathway to true greatness is found in denying ourselves and serving others, just as Jesus denied himself and served us.

2. The more we are willing to deny ourselves to serve others for the kingdom, the greater our rewards will be in the kingdom.

Life Group Questions

1. Read Mark 10:31-45. Why did Jesus say that James and John didn’t really understand what they were asking? What were they missing?

2. Why were the rest of the disciples indignant with James and John?

3. What is the difference between the way the world understands greatness and the way people in the kingdom understand greatness?

4. What does it mean that Jesus came to “give his life as a ransom”?

5. What is the relationship between Mark 10:42-44 and Mark 10:45? In other words, what is the relationship between our serving and Jesus’ serving?

6. Read John 13:3-17. The disciples still didn’t understand what Jesus taught them about true greatness at the Last Supper. Nobody took a humble position and washed the feet of the other disciples when they entered. What kind of impression do you think it left when Jesus did that dirty job? What are some humble out-of-the-ordinary ways we can serve others that will leave a lasting impression?

7. How does knowing true greatness is found by serving others change the way you think about celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas?

8. This weekend, we learned the more sacrifices we make to serve others for the kingdom, the greater our reward will be in the kingdom. How does that truth change the way you think about the inconveniences and sacrifices that come with loving and serving people?
Jesus knew what would happen to Him because He knew His **Bible**.

Jesus knew what would happen to Him because He is **God**.

...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. Acts 2:23 (ESV)

2. **James and John modeled greatness by self-promotion.**

   And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” Mark 10:35 (ESV)

   Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. Matthew 20:20 (ESV)

   And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” Mark 10:36–37 (ESV)

3. **Jesus explains the path to greatness in God’s kingdom is found by walking in his footsteps.**

   And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.” Mark 10:42–44 (ESV)

   “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45 (ESV)