



# SERMON NOTES

Week 5 March 19, 2023

“Others First”

Mark 1:15; 8:31–35; 10:32–38, 41–52



## I. Introduction / Review

- A. Jesus came to introduce a radical \_\_\_\_\_ from the ways of the kingdoms of this world, including the way that the world exercised authority and leadership.
- B. Jesus said “The time has come, the Kingdom of God is \_\_\_\_\_, repent and believe the good news.”
- C. In the region of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus declares that he is going to establish a brand new movement. We call it the \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Greatness Redefined

- A. Jesus says “from here on out, it is going to \_\_\_\_\_ you something to follow me.”
- B. Jesus says “whoever wants to become great among you must be your \_\_\_\_\_.”
- C. Our prayer should be “Father, help me to \_\_\_\_\_ as you see, help me to see me the way you see me.”

## III. Application

- A. Against all odds, the first century church survived and multiplied by embracing the principle of ‘\_\_\_\_\_ first.’
- B. Jesus is going to lead us to leverage our power and our resources for the benefit of those with \_\_\_\_\_ power and fewer resources.
- C. The whole idea of becoming a ‘not so with you’ leader, begins with a simple question – “What can I do to \_\_\_\_\_?”

### *Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message*

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## INTRODUCTION

Fear invites us to follow the path of self-preservation. However, if we follow that path long enough, we will neither preserve nor have anything to show for our lives. The original disciples of Jesus had the same tendencies at times. On one occasion, Jesus reminded them of what it means to follow him by saying four powerful words that still apply to his followers today: "Not so with you."

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### Monday: Mark 9:30–36

Jesus' disciples were debating about who was the greatest among them. Jesus overhears their conversation and redefines greatness in Mark 9:35. Does his definition seem realistic and achievable in your world? Why or why not?

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### Tuesday: Mark 10:42–45

Jesus reminded the disciples how Gentiles used their authority for their own benefit. He then tells them a Kingdom of God approach to authority. If Christians embraced Jesus' words in Mark 10:42-45, how might it change the church's reputation in the world?

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### Wednesday: Philippians 2:1-11

Paul reminds us that we need to adopt the attitude of Christ and think of others first. Who do you need to do a better job of serving? What would it look like to leverage your influence on that person's behalf?

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### Thursday: Mark 2:13-17

People who were nothing like Jesus liked Jesus. Wherever Jesus went he had large crowds following him. Many leaders today would love to be followed by so many people. How would you define greatness in leadership? Who was one of the best leaders you've followed? What qualities made that person worth following?

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### Friday: John 13:1-17

Jesus took the opportunity to illustrate his upside down approach to leadership. If you redefined great leadership based on Jesus' upside-down definition, what would you have to change about how you lead? What might you have to sacrifice? What might you gain?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Against all odds, the followers of a crucified teacher with no territory, military, or authority survived and multiplied. And they did so because they embraced a counterintuitive leadership principle: the first go last. That feels unnatural, but when we see it, we admire it. Christians are called to it. And it begins with a question: How can I help? When you leverage your power and resources for the benefit of those with less power and resources, you're not far from the Kingdom of God.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) departure, B) near, C) Church. IIA) cost, B) servant, IIC) see. IIIA) others, B) less, C) help.*