

20 Then the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus with her sons. She knelt respectfully to ask a favor.

21 "What is your request?" he asked. She replied, "In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."

22 But Jesus answered by saying to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?" "Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!"



## **Matthew 20:20-28**

23 Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."

24 When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant.

25 But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them.

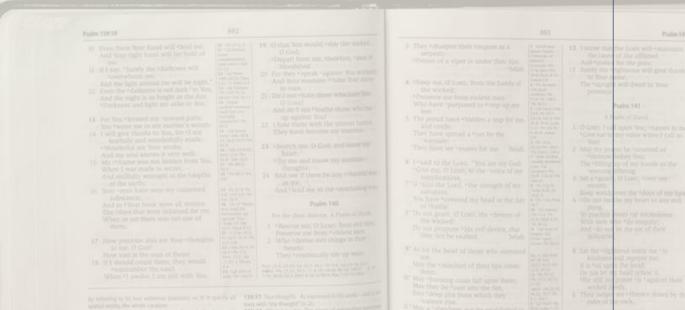


# **Matthew 20:20-28**

26 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. 28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.



# **Matthew 20:20-28**



### Leadership in the world

- Position of prominence, power, and authority (v25)
- Being in control, making decisions, and having others follow our lead (v25)
- "politics" (vv. 20-21)

"please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left." - Zebedee brother's mum



# Leadership in God's Kingdom is a divine appointment and assignment (vv. 22, 26)

- Air of superiority versus humility
- Leading by divine appointment (v23) "My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."
- All authority is given and established by God (Romans 13:1)
- They are to be used for the benefit of others (2 Cor. 10:8; 13:10)

"For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed."



### The Leadership Style of Jesus

Emphasis on service -

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."

(Mat. 20:26 and Mark 10:43)

"serve" - "diakoneo" (Gk) meaning "to minister,

to serve, to attend to"



### The Leadership Style of Jesus

•Focus on humility – "Whoever wants to be first must be your slave" (Mat. 20:27)



- •Willingness to sacrifice "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mat. 20: 28; Mark 10:45)
- Strong commitment to truth -

### Jesus is our standard of leadership.

"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."





Plan your work and work out your plan.

A plan is a statement of faith.

It is a way of affecting the future by steps of action I make today.

To fail to plan is to plan to fail!

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We have been called to lead like Jesus in word and deed.

We are to lead our lives in harmony with Him.

Conclusion



## Pray with us

For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ROMANS 10:13

