

## Jesus Calls Us to Sacrificial Service for Him. Mark 10:32-34

### Sacrifice that is modeled by Jesus Christ. Mark 10:32-34

*"And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him"*

- Some respond in amazement
- Some respond in fear

Jesus describes His sacrifice	The fulfillment
Betrayed into the hands of chief priests	Mark 14:53
Condemn to death	Mark 14:55, 64
Hand to Gentiles	Mark 15:1, 9-10
Mock and spit on Him	Mark 15:16-20
Scourge Him	Mark 15:15
Kill Him	Mark 15:24, 37
Rise again	Mark 16

### Sacrifice that avoids the subtle sin of selfishness. Mark 10:35-41

*"James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying, 'Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.' "* Mark 10:35

- Failure to listen empathetically. v. 35, James 1:19
- Pursuing my prestige and power over others. vs. 37; Matthew 20:20-21
- Deny the real cost of following Jesus. v. 38-40, Acts 12:1-2; Revelation 1:9-10
- Creating divisiveness in relationships. v. 41, James 4

### Sacrifice that selflessly puts others first for Jesus. Mark 10:42-45

*"But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all." Mark 10:43-44*

- Be humble in a world driven by power.
- Be a servant to any around you.
- Be a witness to attract many to Jesus.

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

## Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

If you had just heard Jesus describe His horrible death as in Mark 10:32-34, what would be your first reaction or response to Jesus? How would that compare or be different than the disciple's reaction? What should be all our responses to His message?

Jesus calls us to serve others, the last shall be first.

What attitude should we have according to Philippians 2:1-4? Does that describe your attitude in serving Him, in difficult times? What are some situations where you can serve others by making them "first?"

The two disciples asked for special treatment for a selfish desire. What does James 4:1-10 say happens when we live that way? This is true for the church, marriages, friendships and at work. Have you experienced any situations where selfish desires caused problems? What did you learn from that situation?

Jesus calls to serve others, not ourselves. Below are some examples of humbling ourselves in service. Have you ever struggled with any of these or other ways?

- Encourage those that are unlovable.
- Forgiving the unforgivable.
- Loving the irresponsible.
- Praying for the most stubborn.

Mark 10:45 Is one of the most important verses in the Bible. What does it say about Christ? What has He done for you? Because of that, how should you respond to Jesus? Who do you know that needs the "ransom" of Jesus to free them from sin? Pray for them now. Look for opportunities to love and serve them with the gospel.

## Next Steps:

**JOIN A LIFEGROUP:** LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to CONNECT in a smaller setting, GROW together in our faith, and REACH out together to our community. To get involved or for more information, contact Connections + LifeGroups Pastor, Robert Carter, at [rcarter@calvarylife.org](mailto:rcarter@calvarylife.org), or indicate "LifeGroups" on The Card (located in the chair rack in the seat in front of you). [calvarylife.org/lifegroups](http://calvarylife.org/lifegroups)

## In Response:

**COMMUNION:** Communion is a "meal" for believers in Jesus Christ to help us give thanks and remember His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. The matzah bread represents the body of Christ given for us. The cup of juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed to pay the price for our sins. We are called to examine ourselves before taking communion (Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34). We typically pass communion elements the first Sunday of the month. Most other weeks, communion is available at tables around the room after the sermon.

**GIVING:** The offering is received during each Sunday service. This is a way to express a wholehearted trust in God and worship Him through giving. It is also an act of obedience to God that helps free us from money having mastery over us. Tithing is a biblical command of 10% as a baseline of giving, but the New Testament calls us as followers of Jesus to give even more. Our prayer is that you plan ahead to give purposefully and joyfully to God, helping to further ministry locally and globally in Jesus' name. Discover ways to give on the front of the bulletin or [calvarylife.org/give](http://calvarylife.org/give)

**PRAYER POINTS:** These locations at the front right and left of the Worship Center will have people available to pray with you during the time of singing after the sermon and after the service as well. These people are excited to pray with you about anything in your life, including praying to tell Jesus that you believe in Him as God and trust Him for salvation. They will also pray for any health needs, stresses, worries, family members, temptations or anything else.

**PRAYER ROOM:** The Prayer Room is located at the front right of the Worship Center Auditorium through the doorway behind the Prayer Point. This is a quiet space that you can go to at anytime during the service to be able to pray and reflect on what God is doing in your heart.

