

## *Lesson #8 Jesus the Servant Leader*

**Appetizer:** For Jesus, leadership meant service. In his words, “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). Knowing he was a king, he acted as a servant. This was his paradox of greatness.

Do you consider yourself a leader? Why or why not? Do others consider you a leader? What kind of leader do you want to be?

**Discussion:** Think of a leader who motivated you to perform beyond your expectations. What characterized that person?

**Main Course:** Read Mark 10:32-45.

1. What ideas do the disciples have about leadership? What ideas does Jesus have about leadership?
2. As Jesus leads the way to Jerusalem, what impression do you get of him as a leader (vv. 32-34)?
3. How does the request of James and John seem inappropriate in light of verses 32-34?
4. What does it mean to sit at Jesus’ right and left hand (v. 37)?
5. How does Jesus challenge and clarify their request (vv. 38-40)?
6. Why do you think the other disciples were so indignant (v. 41)?
7. What opportunities do we have at home, work or even here at our church building for greatness?
8. It’s been said that “leadership seeks great things, and acts in small things.” How does Jesus show this?
9. What attracts you to a leader like Jesus?

**Dessert:** Read Mark 10:46-54. Does it just happen that the story of the blind beggar follows next----- or are the two stories related? Explain.