

CrossWalk notes

Higher Calling

Called to Service

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How can I be great in God's kingdom?

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him.

"Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."³⁶ **"What do you want me to do for you?"** he asked.

³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." **Mark 10:35-37, NIV**

What do I want God to do for me?

Many people feel the way to greatness is through

_____, _____ or _____.

³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

³⁹ "We can," they answered. **Mark 10:38-39^a, NIV**

Jesus doesn't _____ the desire to be great in God's kingdom, but warns that the path is _____.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,"⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." **Mark 10:39^b-40, NIV**

Greatness is not a _____, but a development of the gifts that God has given to me.

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **Mark 10:41-42, NIV**

The disciples thought that greatness was a staircase leading _____ to being the _____.

⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. **Mark 10:43-44, NIV**

Jesus' path to greatness is a staircase down to

_____ and _____.

⁴⁵ For even 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, NIV**

Jesus' service brought us to _____ and _____ to God.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:9-11, NIV**

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My next step: I will aspire to greatness in the kingdom of God. Having been served by Jesus, I will put my love into action.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your communication card.