We Serve Like Jesus KZ Lesson Sun Am 12/12/21

# Memory Verse: Mark 10:45 NKJV

# 45For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Target Thought: There is greatness in serving.

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# 35Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”36And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”37They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.”38But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”39They said to Him, “We are able.”So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; 40but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared.”41And when the ten heard *it,* they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. 42But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 45For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

For some people, the best thing about having chicken for dinner is the "wishbone." After you finish eating, two people each hold one side of the wishbone, close your eyes and make a wish. Then you pull on the wishbone until it breaks apart. The one who gets the biggest piece is supposed to have his or her wish come true.

Have you ever wished for something? On the count of three, say out loud what you wish for: 1, 2, 3. (Pause for responses.)

Sometimes we make a wish without thinking about what would happen if our wish really came true.

Have you ever planned to have a picnic and it rained? Perhaps you sat and watched the rain and grumbled to yourself, "I wish it would stop raining." What if that wish came true and it really stopped raining FOREVER? There would be no grass, no trees, no flowers. Rivers, lakes, and streams would dry up, and all life would begin to disappear. This world would be a miserable place if it stopped raining, wouldn't it?

James and John were two brothers who were disciples of Jesus. One day, the two of them came to Jesus and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." Ok ? here is that a serving attitude or a selfish attitude? Why?

"What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus replied. "In Your glorious Kingdom, we want to sit in places of honor next to You, one at Your right and the other at Your left." You see, they thought Jesus was going to set up an earthly kingdom, and they wanted to sit beside Him on the throne. They wanted to share in His glory and greatness.

Jesus gave His life to serve, to live and die that we might have eternal life. Jesus’ life of service was based on His love for us. In God’s kingdom we serve like Jesus did. We live our lives to help others, to lead them to Jesus and His Kingdom.

Jesus answered, "You don't know what you are asking." Then He explained that whoever wants to be great must be a servant of all. He said, "For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give My life as a ransom for many." I don't think that being a servant was exactly what James and John were wishing for!

Sometimes you and I may say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." But is that really our wish? If we really want that wish to come true, we must live as servants the way Jesus did. How can we serve others? We can serve others by living our lives for Jesus to be examples for them, by praying for them, by helping them when we can. Only then can we be truly great and show God’s love to the world.

Remember God only has good plans for us. He tells us what to do and what not to so that we can have the very best life possible! When we do good we receive good, when we help others God will make sure there is always help for us when we need it. God’s entire Kingdom is based on His love for us nad that we are to love one another. When we truly love one another we will truly serve one another.

Dear God, help us to mean it when we say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." Please show us each day how to become a greater servant to those around us. In Jesus’ name, amen.

1. What was Jesus’ life of service based on?
2. How can we serve others?
3. When will we serve others?