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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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| What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):  1. Instead of rushing off after the service or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”  2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over ([James 1:22-25](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/James%201.22-25)). Choose one or two particular applications to share  [Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*] |

For further Application, Meditation, and Conversation on today’s text:

**Date: 11/6/2022 – “Jesus, Servant & Savior" (Mark 10:32-52)**

1. For the third time in Mark (8:31; 9:31; 10:33), Jesus tells the disciples of his impending death and resurrection. Hearing it, the disciples “were amazed” (cf. Mark 10:24). Why? What assumption is Jesus here upending? In answering, consider the kind of messiah expected by the Jews in New Testament times.

2. In Mark 10:32, the text makes a point of telling us that *“Jesus was walking ahead of them”* in the march to Jerusalem and the cross. What does all this reveal about the connection between the path Jesus walked and the path they (and we will) walk as his disciples? (see Mark 10:38)

3. James and John (Mark 10:35) and Bartimaeus (Mark 10:48-50) both make requests of Jesus. Both ask knowing that Jesus is Messiah. Yet James and John make a radically different request than Bartimaeus. How so?

4. Whether leaders or lay people; moms or teenagers – what did Jesus want to teach his disciples (and us) about the heart of the disciple in his “upside down kingdom”? Look at 10:31, and 10:42-44.

5. Jesus came to serve, and not to be served (10:45). This verse answers the questions: “why did Jesus have to die?” and “how is it possible to be reconciled to God?” Since Jesus paid the “ransom” price (or penalty) to God to free us from his wrath against our sin, he has served us in an ultimate way (this is known as “substitutionary atonement”). What does this beautiful picture of service and sacrifice imply about our own service and sacrifice in ministry?

Self-motivated service is exposed and mortified when we are overwhelmed by Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf! What areas of service or work or ministry might you need fresh motivation again by the grace of God, to serve like Jesus?