

Home group questions on Mark 10:32-52

Theme of passage: *The Son of Man's shocking sacrifice is our ransom and our model.*

Aim of study: *Cry out for mercy, that we may receive spiritual sight, be amazed at Jesus' love and follow his example.*

Please feel free to adapt these questions or choose the ones you think will best serve your group. However, please resist the temptation to rush into talking about the way we serve each other! Unless our service is motivated and shaped by the way Jesus has served us, we won't have a solid or lasting foundation for our service.

- 1) How do you think secular British culture defines greatness?
- 2) Thinking back over Mark 1-10, what evidence is there of Jesus' greatness?
- 3) Flick to Daniel 7:13-14. This seems to be the passage foremost on Jesus' mind when he calls himself 'the Son of Man'. If Jesus is this 'one like a son of man' from Daniel's prophecy, what does this tell us about Jesus' greatness?
- 4) Why should we be so shocked by Jesus' talk of his self-sacrifice and service in vv.33-34 and 45?
- 5) How shocking do you *actually* find Jesus' self-sacrifice?
- 6) Note how James and John have physical sight, but they seem totally blind to Jesus' purpose in coming to suffer and die for us. They also seem blind to it's implications for them. How does Bartimaeus form a contrast to James and John in vv.46-52?
- 7) How could we learn to pray in light of Bartimaeus' example?
- 8) Where are you particularly tempted to try and achieve greatness by putting yourself first, before others?
- 9) What heart-change do we need to pray for in light of vv.42-45?
- 10) How does Jesus' example of self-sacrificial service challenge you to serve?