

Vision & Mission studies **ARPC Mission Serve**



Key verse: Mark 10:44,5.

... and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 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.”



Big Idea: Christian service is motivated and modelled by Jesus in his giving of himself for us in life and in death on the cross.

Kick Off

Some say they love Jesus but don't feel the need to belong to any church. What reasons would cause people to say this and how would you answer such people?

What makes serving others hard?

This week we are focusing on what it means to Serve like Christ. And for the last time to remind ourselves, our mission and vision statements they are as follows:

Our Vision: *To be a vibrant and passionate Christ-centred church community.*

Our Mission: *To Grow in Christ, Equip through Christ, Serve like Christ and Reach others with Christ.*

STUDY

Read Matthew 10:32-45

1. Where is Jesus heading? Why is he telling his followers this?
2. The disciples seem very confused regarding Jesus. What can we learn of their understanding of who Jesus is from the request of James and John?
3. What are the disciples really interested in from v41? And look back at Mark 9:33-37 for more information.
4. James and John are not granted their request but what does Jesus confirm that they will receive and what's he mean by this?

5. How does Jesus redefine both our ideas about greatness and about service in this passage?

6. How is Jesus both the example and the motivation for us regarding our serving others?

THINK AND APPLY

a. Think about what makes a person significant in their own eyes and in the eyes of others... things like honour, wealth, friends... list as many other things you can that make you feel valued and significant.

Now work through the list you have made and consider how Jesus perfectly had all of them from all eternity past... and discuss how he gave each of these things totally away in coming to our world to serve us.

b. What caused Jesus' followers, enemies, nation, and world to turn on him and betray, condemn, hand him over, abuse and kill him?

In what sense are our sins, both small and great, an extension of that rejection of Jesus?

Which is easier? To be great as the world defines greatness or to be great as Jesus defines greatness?

PRAYER

What can you pray about arising from this study?



For next week
Read
Galatians 5:16-26