



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK TWO: “SACRIFICE IS NORMAL” | MARK 10:35-45

SERIES OVERVIEW

Christians sometimes give an impression that they are not to be bothered, even amongst fellow Christians, by things that seem to mess up their put together worlds. However, God’s people have been changed by his Spirit and what was once abnormal—loving sacrificially—is now normal. It is a love that acts, sacrifices and desires the highest good for others. It is the mark of which Jesus said others would know we are his followers. This love is the authenticating mark of a Christian. This love is normal.

THIS WEEK

One of Jesus’ personal mission statements declares that he has come to serve. It means to act on someone’s behalf, to be at ones service. Jesus acted this way toward us, and our actions must reflect Christ in this way.

ICE BREAKER

Describe a time in your life when someone sacrificed for you. Did that person’s sacrifice have an effect on how you then treated others? If so, how?

READ: MARK 10:35-45

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Summarize James and John’s request from this passage. How was their request normal for someone in their world but abnormal to following Jesus?**

- 2. Think about the power hungry world we live in today: What makes this whole encounter in Mark 10:35-45 so relatable to following Christ in today's society?**

- 3. Why were the other disciples so angry with James and John?**

- 4. Are there any areas in your life where you're hungry for power or recognition that someone else already has or has already requested?**

- 5. Sacrifice can easily become a legalistic duty that we perform. According to Romans 12:1-2, how does the Gospel motivate us to sacrifice?**

- 6. Describe an area in your life right now where you've lost perspective of God's mercy and sacrifice has become a chore.**

APPLICATION

As a group this week, commit to reminding each other of the mercy of God that motivates us to offer our bodies as living sacrifices. Call, text or email another group member reminders of the gospel this week instead of asking them how well they've sacrificed or not. The more we remember the gospel, the more willing we'll want to sacrifice.