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Teaching Notes

Pick Me! Pick Me!

Main Text: NLT Mark 10:32-45

They were now on the way to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were filled with dread and the people following behind were overwhelmed with fear. Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him in Jerusalem. 33 "When we get to Jerusalem," he told them, "the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. 34 They will mock him, spit on him, beat him with their whips, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again."

Vss 35-37

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor." 36 "What is it?" he asked. 37 "In your glorious Kingdom, we want to sit in places of honor next to you," they said, "one at your right and the other at your left."

Just when we think we have Jesus all figured out ... we run the risk of missing out on what He really is all about!!!

38 But Jesus answered, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?"

We may never end up on a _____ ... but we all must _____ one!

NLT Mark 8:34 Then he [Jesus] called his disciples and the crowds to come over and listen. "If any of you wants to be my follower," he told them, "you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me."

Deeply embedded in each of us is the reality that we want our own way.

_____ to _____ is probably one of the **biggest challenges we face as followers of Jesus.**

39 "Oh yes," they said, "we are able!" And Jesus said, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering,

40 but I have no right to say who will sit on the thrones next to mine. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."

41 When the ten other disciples discovered what James and John had asked, they were indignant.

Wanting to be in a position of superiority is _____.

42 So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that in this world kings are tyrants, and officials lord it over the people beneath them. 43 But among you it should be quite different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. 45 For even the Son of Man, came not to be served but to serve others, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Leaders in God's kingdom are first of all _____.

If our greatness is measured by how well we love others, then how great are we in God's eyes?

Closing Song: With All I Am, by Hillsong