



Humble Heart

MATTHEW 20:20-28

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WARMING UP

1. Reflect on popular culture for a moment. Who strikes you as being humble? Why? Who seems to lack humility? How so?
2. Edmund Burke said, "True humility—the basis of the Christian system—is the low but deep and firm foundation of all virtues." Discuss this statement. How is humility the basis for all other God-honouring character qualities?

DIGGING IN

When you have a humble heart like Jesus...

3. *...you reject the uninformed pursuit of self (v. 20-23)*
 - Pastor Todd suggested, "Your biggest problem is yourself." Do you agree or disagree? Why? Instead of pointing the finger at ourselves, who/what do we often consider to be our biggest problem(s) in life?
 - What does James' and John's mother ask Jesus to do for her sons? How does Jesus point out the uninformed nature of this request? What is Jesus referring to with "the cup" (see v. 17-19)?
 - Look up 1 Peter 5:6. What does this verse teach about the nature of humility?
4. *...and the undeniable pull of power (v. 24-25)*
 - Why do so many people go after positions of power? What lies behind this pursuit? What "prizes" typically accompany power? How is this a problem even if we only want power over ourselves?
 - Why are the remaining disciples upset at James and John? What does this reveal about the state of their hearts?
 - John Dickson said, "Humility is the noble choice to forgo your status, deploy your resources, or use your influence for the good of others before yourself." In what way(s) is this counter cultural?
5. *...and embrace instead his unconventional path to greatness (v. 26-28)*
 - How does our world define greatness? How is genuine greatness different?
 - What two words does Jesus use to describe the nature of a Christ follower? How are they similar? How are they different? Dialogue about the idea of "serving at the pleasure of the King." What does 1 Corinthians 6:19b-20a communicate as the basis of our service?
 - Pastor Todd listed ten examples of everyday humility. Which one(s) struck you in particular? How so?

BREAKING OUT

6. To what degree do you have a humble heart like Jesus? What is your biggest point of struggle in this regard? Pray that God would give you the courage and strength that you need to intentionally humble yourself before him and others.