

PREACHING CURRICULUM



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND POWER

MATTHEW 20:20-28

"All human activity is a response to the Word of God, and behind all godly service is the omnipotent power of God Himself".

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Who were the sons of Zebedee in relation to Jesus, and what was the reason driving their desire to sit to the right and the left of Jesus in the Kingdom? _____

Why are the other disciples upset in this passage? What does their response teach us about human nature? _____

How did Jesus say biblical power would be displayed in the life of His disciples? (Contrast vs.25 and 26) Why was he pointing this out to them? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Have you ever wanted something that does not belong to you or that you should even desire? If your comfortable, please share what they were and what lesson you learnt from them. _____

How have you seen pride manifest itself in your own life this past month? What have been the consequences of it? _____

The opposite of pride is humility, and the source of humility is power in Christ. When we are connected to Him, we will better display a desire to serve other in humility. If you think of your relationships with others, are you more likely to desire serving others or to be served by others? Why do you think that is? How connected to the source have you been this past week? _____

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What are some power structures we see today that are “power of the sake of power”? I.e. Gentile power. What should our response be to such power when we see it in the church and culture? _____

How is Gentle power and the power of the Holy Spirit at odds with each other in your life? How can we better display Holy Spirit power in both the culture and in the church? _____

How do we guard against the sin of pride in our lives and in those we seek to serve? What are some good practical ways we can grow in the area of service toward those in the body of Christ? _____

4

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Service is power! Acts 1:8 reflects this. How will you commit to this as you seek to serve Christ and His bride this week? _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

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