

DYING TO LIVE

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WARM UP QUESTION: How do you determine greatness?

READ: Mark 10:32-52 (Mark 10:42-45)

FOCUS: True greatness in God's kingdom involves serving like Jesus.

OBSERVE:

- Whoever wants to be great among us must become a servant to mankind.
- We must rightly see ourselves, others and God to determine and satisfy His mission. We must have a proper view of ourselves.
- James and John, along with the other disciples, missed the opportunity to see and understand the mission of Jesus because they did not recognize the barriers that caused them to walk in spiritual blindness.
- Bartimaeus was blind but now he sees. He earnestly pursued Jesus in spite of the crowd and the obstacles he faced. His faith made him well because he overcame the challenges that kept him in spiritual blindness.
- We must be willing to follow Jesus and serve others despite the costs.

REFLECT:

- Do you determine greatness by the world's standards or do you serve others in such a way it causes others to glorify God?

TAKE ACTION:

- We must submit our plans, purpose and mission to God. We must lay aside any obstacle that prevents us from serving like God. We must cry out to God when we know we need Him and our way is being hindered.

PRAY: *Holy Father, We ask that You would strengthen us to recognize our shortcomings and the barriers that keep others from serving others well. Help us to see ourselves clearly so we may become all You desire us to be. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*