

## QUESTIONS:

### “What do you want?”

*Matthew 20:20-28*

*<sup>21</sup> And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.”*

The mother of James and John wanted what she thought was the very best for them: Fame, Power, Influence, Center-stage, Prominence.

Jesus said to her and her sons.. <sup>22</sup> *“You do not know what you are asking.”*

### **Jesus defined greatness this way...**

*<sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.*

*<sup>26</sup> It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,*

*<sup>27</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, <sup>28</sup> even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

**The world’s view of greatness and the Lord’s view of greatness are totally opposite.** The world seeks power over others; the Lord seeks not to be served but to serve others in a relationship.

### **Lessons we can learn from the mother of James and John.**

1. There is nothing wrong with wanting the very best for our children, but we must be sure we know what the very best is and conduct ourselves properly in helping them to achieve their best.
2. We must be careful not to manipulate others and we must be careful not to let our children manipulate us.
3. If we desire to lead our children to greatness, we must know what greatness looks like.