

The King's Way – Study 8
Matthew 20:17-34 – Greatness in the Kingdom

1. What are some common ways in which people use their authority (e.g. government leaders; bosses in workplaces; parents in homes)?

Read Matthew 20:17-34.

2. What will going to Jerusalem involve for Jesus?

3. Compare Jesus' words here with his two previous predictions (16:21; 17:22-23). What is similar and what is different? What does this suggest?

4. Given what Jesus has just said, what is so jarring about the request that the mother of Zebedee's sons makes?

5. Why do you think the other disciples were indignant (v. 24)?

6. What does Jesus say greatness looks like in the Kingdom?

7. How is Jesus the supreme example of this?

8. In what ways do the two blind men make a model response to Jesus?

9. In what ways might their experience also be symbolic of what needs to happen to everyone if they are to follow Jesus?

10. What particularly stands out to you about Jesus from today's section of Matthew's Gospel?

11. In what ways has today's section of Matthew's Gospel confirmed, clarified, or challenged your understanding of what it means to trust and follow Jesus?