

Sermon Discussion Questions: March 8, 2026

A Ransom for Many

Sermon Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

Passage: Mark 10:35-45

1. Misunderstand Jesus' Mission

In the passage, James and John ask for positions of honor right after Jesus predicts his suffering and death. Why do you think the disciples struggled so much to understand what Jesus was saying about the cross? In what ways do we sometimes misunderstand or ignore parts of Jesus' teaching that don't fit our expectations?

2. Our Desire for Glory

The sermon described glory as having both weight (significance) and radiance (beauty). Where do you see people—including yourself—seeking glory or significance in everyday life (work, reputation, relationships, achievements)? Why do those pursuits often leave us unsatisfied?

3. The World's View of Greatness vs. Jesus' View

Jesus says, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant." How does this definition of greatness challenge the way our culture thinks about success, power, and recognition? What makes this way of living both attractive and difficult?

4. The Ransom of Jesus

Jesus says he came "to give his life as a ransom for many." What does the idea of a ransom help you understand about what Jesus accomplished on the cross? How does knowing that Jesus has already paid for you change the way you think about serving others?

5. Living the Path of True Glory

The sermon suggested that we become servants not by trying harder, but by looking to Jesus and his sacrifice for us. What might it look like this week for you to serve someone—not to gain recognition or approval, but because you already have Christ's love and acceptance?