

Hero Maker Week 3-

Winning Like a Hero Maker

ICE BREAKER: What is the biggest thing in your life that you have competed for and won?

Pastor Brian started this sermon by saying, "We want to live a significant life. We are trying to win to be significant at life"

1. How does our culture define winning at life? How do you define winning at life? What do you think makes a person's life significant?

Mark 10:35-37 *Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." 36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. 37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."*

2. What is the significance of sitting on the right and left side of Jesus in His glory?

3. What are the disciples REALLY asking?

4. How do you think the Disciples in their culture viewed significance, power, position, importance in life?

5. What do you suppose is motivating James and John to make this request? Do you believe that their request was right or wrong? Why or why not?

Mark 10:38-45 *"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" 39 "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant.*

These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.” 41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

6. Why did Jesus say, “You don’t know what you are asking”?

7. What does the cup and the baptism refer to? (Matthew 26:39)

Matthew 26:39 *Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”*

8. How did the other disciples feel about this request? (Mark 10:41)

9. How did Jesus handle this conflict among the disciples? (42-45)

10. What is the change in values represented in vs 42-45?

11. Jesus taught this lesson before in Mark 9:33-35. The disciples did not learn it the first time. What keeps us from learning lessons and changing our values?

Mark 9:33-35 *They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. 35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."*

12. What should be our motivation as we serve each other? (John 13:34-35)

John 13:34-35 *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

Pastor Brian spoke of Jesus telling the disciples to flip their priorities from a me-first perspective to an others-first perspective. He then asked questions about how our time, resources, family, work, faith and relationships would work if we put others first.

13. How are you doing in living out the Kingdom value of loving others and serving others as Biblical leadership (servant of all)?

a. How would you use your TIME if you were less preoccupied with your own agenda?

b. How would you use your RESOURCES if you prioritized the needs of others – both near and far?

c. How would your life be different at WORK if you were just as focused on making your co-workers successful as you are yourself?

d. How would your life at HOME be different if you looked for opportunities to serve rather than be served?

e. How would your FAITH be different if you saw church as a community where you can contribute to the mission and not just a place to get your own needs met?

f. What would all our RELATIONSHIPS look like if we were more interested in how we could serve the people God has placed in our lives rather than being served?

This lesson is the series conclusion about the importance of discipleship in the life of the Christian and in the life of the church. Jesus' final instruction in Matthew 28:19-20 was to Go and make disciples of all nations. Not just share the gospel, but to make non-believers into disciples, who are then able to make disciples of other non-believers. Consider being discipled by a mentor, or discipling a new Christian or other believers in their next steps toward Christ. Contact the church by using the connections link at sungrove.org/connect

Memorize Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."