

Sermon Notes for Sunday June 7

Adventures in Prayer Pt 6:

“You Want to be Great - I Want You to be Free”

Matthew 20:17-28

Jesus wants to redirect our values

1. Man's **Approach** to greatness v20-23 What does it look like?
 - a. selfish requests v20 Are they overlooking anything?
 - b. seeking **status** v21
 - c. **vicarious** thrill v21 What's in it for me?
 - d. ignorant requests v22a
 - e. failure to **consider** the costs v22b,23a
 - f. failure to understand the Father's authority v23b
 - i. How have you experienced the consequences of selfish values? v24
2. **Intervention** v25a Whose advice do you seek?
 - a. get the group together- deal with reality or live in denial
 - b. Jesus gives His direction
 - i. Do you look to the scriptures for conflict resolution?

3. **God's** Approach v25b-28

- a. recognize the world's way v25b
- b. **reject** v26a
- c. replace v26 find your “**instead**” moment and pivot
- d. redefine “among not over”
 - i. greatness v26b take up the role and be one another's servant
 - ii. first v27 give yourself to another's will
- e. **ransom** v28
 - i. “I must serve, not be served” v28a
 - ii. “I'm going to give my life” v28b
 1. ransom is the price paid for freeing a slave
 - a. free from sin, status seeking, vanity
 2. you want to **rule**- I want to **ransom** you

Which approach characterizes you?

Jesus says to us, “You want to rule- I want to ransom you”

You want to be great - I want you to be free- free from the bondage of sin, free to serve

Jesus turns our ruling into ransom, ransom into redemption, selfishness into serving

You want status in position- I want you to serve each other, to repair relationships