

The Gospel of Mark  
Regarding Servanthood  
Mark 10:32-45

We are taught to aspire to greatness. We believe that we can change the world, that we can make a difference. Our worldview teaches us that we should get educated so that we can get a job so that we can make money so that we can gain influence so that we in our greatness can make a difference. In this economy, greatness is defined by power and wealth—but what about God's economy?

1. Worldly ambition can masquerade as servanthood.
2. Intense suffering can result from servanthood.
3. Christ's greatness can motivate our servanthood.

The greatest person who ever lived and walked on this earth was a humble servant—a ransom. He stooped low so that He might lift others up. He submitted Himself to the will of the Father and in His service He gave His life on the cross. The hard truth of being great—of being a Christian—is that Christ calls those who follow Him to do the same.

For further consideration:

How does the servanthood modeled by King Jesus go against human nature and our current cultural climate? How does it compare to what advertisers want us to think about ourselves? What are some tangible steps that we can take that will help us put away the mindset of the world and adopt the mind of Christ? In what ways is Jesus an example for us in service, humility, and sacrifice? How would you explain substitutionary atonement in just two or three sentences?