Ambitious Heart Mark Lesson 19

**Lesson 19 – Ambitious Heart**

**Mark 10:32-52**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 10:32-34**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson. One possible verse to pray is Ps.143:8. Lord, please let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.*

3. Using verses 33-34, list the events that Jesus says will happen to Him in the future. What is the promise of hope Jesus includes at the end of verse 34?

4. ***Thought Question :*** a. According to verse 32 in the KJV and ESV, the disciples were “amazed” and as they followed were “afraid.” What do you think accounted for these strong emotions?

 b. In the past when Jesus taught His disciples, they asked questions. Why do you think they didn’t ask any here?

5. The state of mind with which we come before the Lord to be taught by Him is of the utmost importance. How do the following verses teach us to come before God whenever we approach Him?

a. James 4:1-

 b. Psalm 51:1-

c. Proverbs 3:5-

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d. Isaiah 26:3

e. 1John 5:1

6. **Personal Question:** When you come to God in His Word and read something you don’t understand or perhaps don’t want to hear, how do you respond? Do you ignore it? Do you reject it? Or do you prayerfully and reverently seek to trust God and obey?

***Apply this day:*** *God is a good, good Father, and He wants us to trust Him. If we will come humbly before Him today, trusting and asking for His wisdom, He will grant it generously. James 1:5*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 10:35-40**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

 7. James and John approached Jesus to ask Him for something in verse 35. What was their request, and with what kind of attitude did they ask for this?

 8. What is Jesus’ response to their request? Does Jesus rebuke or correct them?

9. What is their unanimous response back to Jesus?

10. ***Thought Question:*** a. What does their response to Jesus indicate to you about the depth of the disciples’ understanding? What did Jesus’ patient answer back to them teach you about Him?

 b. When Jesus says in v.40 “to sit at my right hand or at my left hand is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared,” to whom is Jesus submitting to grant that request? See the following verses to help you with your answer:

 Hebrews 5:7-

 Ps.139:1-

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11. ***Personal Question:*** When have you, like the disciples, come to God with *your* plans and asked Him to bless what you want and assume is best? Do you want your way or God’s way? What do the following verses reveal about resting in God’s providential plans for us:

Jeremiah 29:11-13

 Ephesians 3:20-21

***Apply this day:*** *Today as we come humbly before God, we can pray earnestly to the only One who knows all and is all powerful. Choose to rest in His hands this day and trust Him with your life and the lives of those you love.*

**Day 4 – Read Mark 10:41-45**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

12. How did the other disciples react to the request of James and John?

13. Jesus teaches His disciples here that we are not to live and act like the earthly rulers. How does Jesus describe these rulers of the Gentiles and their actions?

14. By contrast, how does Jesus say we should behave towards other people in verses 43-44?

15. Jesus is our perfect example to follow. Did Jesus come to serve or to be served? Write out verse 45 word for word.

16. ***Thought Question:*** What does it mean in practical terms to serve others rather than yourself? What did you learn from the following verses about serving God first and then others (rather than serving ourselves):

a. Matthew 22:37-40-

b. 1 John 4:9-12-

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*17.* ***Personal Question:*** *I*n thinking about the verses from Question 16, examine your own “love walk.” Are you serving God by loving Him first with all your heart and soul? How can you exercise that love towards God? Then consider how (or whether) you are unconditionally loving those God has entrusted to your care. How can you serve them and love them with Christ’s love? Choose some specific ways to do this.

***Apply this day:***Today, take at least a couple of minutes to sit and be still before God. Ask Him to fill you with His immeasurable love for you, and then purposefully extend that love to others and serve them with the love of Christ.

**Day 5 – Read Mark 10:46-52**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

18. What was the name and the condition of the person who was sitting by the roadside as Jesus was leaving Jericho? What did this man recognize, and what did he begin to shout in verse 47?

19. When other people told Bartimaeus to be quiet, how did he respond (see verse 48)?

20.***Thought Question:***  a. How does Bartimaeus’ example personally encourage you? Consider his example: Bartimaeus believed Jesus was who He said He was and that Jesus had the power to heal and extend mercy to him. Moreover, ignoring all the disparaging voices around him, Bartimaeus cried even louder to Jesus for help.

b. Reread Mark 5:36. What does Jesus tell us to do when discouraging, unbelieving words are spoken around or to us?

21. After Jesus heard the blind man’s cries for mercy, describe everything that then happened in verses 50-52.

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22. What does Jesus say both to the blind man in Mark 10:52 and also to the woman in Mark 5:34? What does it mean to give out of your abundance?

23. ***Personal Question:*** Our faith in Who Jesus is has everything to do with our prayers being heard. Read Hebrews 11:1 and 6. Based upon these verses, describe what faith is. With whom could you share how your faith in Jesus has impacted your life?

***Apply this day:*** *Today ignore all unbelieving voices around you and call out to God in faith. In Jeremiah 33:3, God tells us that when we call out to Him, He will answer us and tell us unsearchable things we do not know. Don’t be afraid—just believe!*

**Day 6 – Reread Mark 10:48-50  (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verse(s).*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from these verses. Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** *– How can I apply this to my life?*

**Prayer** *– Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*