



# BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

**October 17, 2021**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lectionary: 146**

## **Gospel Mk 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## **Spiritual Reflection:**

Bishop Barron sometimes talks about the spiritual life as moving from the small (self-centered and selfish) soul to the larger (other focus) soul. The more and more we become selfless the larger our world becomes.

## **Spiritual Questions:**

1. Why are people obsessed with power and fame?
2. Who would you rather hang out with someone who is seeking fame and power or someone who is willing to help you when needed?
3. How can you move from a self-centered soul to an other centered soul
4. How do you know if you are moving to a larger soul?
5. How do you measure the amount of selfishness in yourself?