

CLOW at Home – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Mark 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."

At Home Reflection

I want you to think of some people who are really powerful and important in our world today. Who do you think is the most powerful person in the world? (Responses might include world leaders, politicians, musicians, actors, athletes etc.) Imagine what a day in the life of that person would be like. What types of things do powerful, important people do? Can you imagine those people sharing food with someone who's hungry? Helping out a neighbor? Making friends with someone who is lonely?

In today's Gospel, James and John, two brothers who were Jesus' disciples, asked Jesus to make them important, powerful people in His Kingdom. But Jesus told them that *His* Kingdom is very different from the kingdoms of this world. The people who will be the greatest in the Kingdom of God are the people who *serve others!*

Jesus reminded His disciples that even He, God's own Son, did not come to be served, but to serve others! Jesus gave His *life* for us!

To be truly great in the Kingdom of God we don't need money or fame... we just need loving hearts and helping hands! We are called to serve others as Jesus Christ served – to bring peace and justice to our families, our communities, and the world.

At Home Activity: What Would You Do?

What would you do to respond to the scenarios below?

Let's think of some ways that we can be servants and work for God's Kingdom.

- Your neighbor fell down last week and has been having a difficult time walking around ever since. His yard has orange and red leaves scattered all over it. **What would you do?**
- There is a new girl in your class. She and her family just moved here from far away. You see her standing all alone on the playground at recess. **What would you do?**
- Your little brother is bored and asks to play with you and your favorite toys. **What would you do?**
- Your church is collecting donations for the local food pantry. You had money set aside to buy some candy for yourself on your next trip to the grocery store. **What would you do?**

What **will** you do to be a servant to others **this week?**

(Come up with more ideas together as a family and make a plan to spend time this week serving others.)