**Text**: Mark 10:35-45

**Topic**: Self-Ambition/Temptation

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**Special Request**

“What to do when you’re tempted by selfish ambition.”

**Text**: **Mark 10:35-45**, “**35**And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” **36**And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” **37**And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” **38**Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” **39**And they said to him, “We are able.” And 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, **40**but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” **41**And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. **42**And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43**But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **44**and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. **45**For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **English Standard Version**

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**Point #1**: **Wait** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.35-37**

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**Point #2**: **Thank** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.38-40**

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**Point #3**: **Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.41**

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**Point #4**: **Remember** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.42-45**

**Corollary Verses**: Luke 14:8-11; 1 Peter 5:6; James 4:10; Philippians 2:3; Matthew 26:39; Acts 7; James 1:17, 4:2-3;

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Luke 14:8-11**; **1 Peter 5:6**; **James 4:10**; and **Philippians 2:3** then answer the following questions. In Scripture God promises to exalt those who humble themselves, has there ever been a time when you have been promoted without soliciting for the promotion (explain and apply to any circumstance; career, school, church, family, etc)?

2.) Below is a list of fruit produced by selfish ambition. Write the out the corresponding biblical truth that is found in Scripture.

1. You take credit for your accomplishments - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. You think that you are all that - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. You always compare yourself to others - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. You use people to get what you want - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Your sense of self worth is defined by your career - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3.) Read **James 1:17** and **4:2-3** then answer the following questions. Why did Jesus reject James and John’s request to sit at the right and left hand of Jesus in his coming Kingdom? What kind of prayer requests does God answer (see **1 John 5:14**)? What kind of things can you expect from God?

4.) Read **Isaiah 51:17**; **Jeremiah 25:15-16**; **Ezekiel 23:31-34** and **Revelation 14:10 16:19** then answer the following questions. In these passages Jesus alludes to the suffering he must endure on the cross by way of using the metaphor of the “cup” he must drink. Why did Jesus have to experience the wrath of God for many people (see v.45)? How is his suffering the ultimate example of selfless service?