

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 29, 2015

Passage: Mark 10:32-34, 45

Memory Passage: Mark 10:45

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 10:32-34.** This is the 3rd time Jesus speaks of His death. As you compare this statement with the first 2 (8:31 & 9:30-31), what new information are you provided in 10:32-35? What information is repeated?

(b) What is significant about Jesus “walking ahead of them?”

(c) Why were the disciples “amazed” and the other followers “afraid?”

(d) Imagine yourself in the crowd, following Jesus since the events recorded in 8:1. What emotion(s) would best express how you are feeling “going up to Jerusalem?” What part of the 1st sentence in v. 32 would affect these emotions the most?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 10:32-34.** Who will deliver the Son of Man to the Jewish leaders (v. 33: “will be delivered over”)?

(b) Why will the Jewish leaders hand Jesus over to the Gentiles instead of putting Him to death on their own?

(c) Read Mark 15 looking specifically for the events Jesus foretells in vs. 33-34. How accurate was Jesus’ view of the future?

(d) Why do you think Jesus reiterates for a third time what will happen in Jerusalem?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 10:45, Ex. 21:28-30, 1 Sam. 14:44-45, Ps. 49:13-15, & Is. 43:3-4.** We will cover vs. 35-44 next week. Jesus has taught multiple times that His death was imminent, but what does v. 45 tell us about the “why” of Jesus’ death?

(b) Explain how a ransom worked and what purpose it served in these OT passages?

(c) In each case, why was a ransom needed?

(d) In the case of slavery, what did a ransom procure for the slave?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Mark 10:45, 1 Tim. 2:5-6, 1 Pet. 1:17-19, & Rev. 5:9-10.** Who does Jesus ransom?

(b) How does Jesus accomplish the task of ransoming His people?

(c) To whom is the ransom paid (think about this very carefully!)?

(d) If you are a believer you have been ransomed by the blood of Christ. What difference does it make for your daily life? Please be practical in your answer, writing at least 3 ways being ransomed by Christ affects, or should affect, your life.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Mark 10:45 & Is. 53:4-12.** The word “for” in the phrase “ransom for many” is pregnant and important. Why?

(b) What do you learn from Is. 53 concerning the work of Christ, especially its substitutionary nature?

(c) Why do both Isaiah and Mark describe Jesus as being a servant in His substitutionary atoning work?

(d) **Read 1 Peter 2:21-25.** Contemplate what you have learned this week about Christ’s work to ransom you from sin and death by substituting Himself for you on the cross. Then meditate on 1 Peter 2:21-25 as you think through your life. Since Jesus’ actions as our Suffering Servant serve as an example to us, write down at least 3 actions or thoughts of which you need to repent because they do not reflect Christ.

(e) After praying, repenting, and asking God to fill your mind with His word of encouragement, write down at least 4 ways you will better apply His word, and therefore better reflect His character, in the areas of which you just repented.

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A Ransom for Many