



The Anatomy of a True Hero - Dan Reid

Matthew 20: 17-34

1. Share a story about your brush with a famous celebrity. Why are people inclined to acclaim celebrity? Discuss the statement, "Celebrity worship reveals Cultural Values. Acts of heroism reveal Kingdom Values."
2. Read vv. 17-19. Imagine you were one of the original twelve who were with Jesus in the past three years, how would you have responded to what Jesus said?
3. What makes certain kinds of suffering heroic?
4. Read vv. 20-27. Why does Jesus tell James and John they don't know what they are asking?
5. What does Jesus' use of "the cup" to explain his mission mean to the nature of God the Father, the journey of Jesus, and future journey of Jesus' followers?
6. Read v. 28. Why would many say that verse 28 is one of the most important verses in the New Testament? Discuss the significance of "Son of Man came to serve", and "Ransom for many".
7. Read vv. 29-34. What do we learn from the feelings and actions of Jesus, the blind men, the crowd?
8. Discuss which marks of kingdom heroics (suffering, serving, sacrifice or sympathy) resonate most and least in your life right now?
9. Discuss areas where God might want to mark you more with his Kingdom Values and less with Cultural Values.



Matthew 20: 17-34 - Dominic Rivera

1. "Son of Man" is an image from Jewish history and hope (cf. Daniel 7.13-14). What is the significance of Jesus using the term in regard to His actions/teachings?
2. What was characteristic of people in power in Jesus' day (v.25)? What is characteristic of people in power in our day?
3. What is the new pathway for greatness that Jesus teaches? Why is it compelling?
4. In what ways could Jesus' pathway for greatness challenge the broken power structures of His day? In what ways could it challenge the broken power structures of our day?
5. What motivated the blind men to call out to Jesus? What motivated the crowd to rebuke the blind men?
6. In teaching about greatness, and showing how power can benefit people, how can you leverage what you have (resources, position, authority), to better help someone move forward?