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- The disciples say: We want to be #1.
- Jesus says: #1 is in the back of the line.

GETTING STARTED: Name someone who has been an example of Christ-like service to you? What affect has this person had on your life?

DIGGING DEEPER: Make a list of the ways Jesus describes His coming death (vv. 33-34)? How does the insistence of James and John and the indignation of the other disciples reveal they have not caught on to Jesus' purpose for them? How are they still viewing the kingdom of God? What insight do these verses (Ps 75:7-8; Jer 49:12, 51:7; Eze 23:31-34; Hab 2:16) give about the cup as divine judgment? How do these verses (Job 22:11; Ps 69:2,15; Isa 43:2) show that baptism was an image for overwhelming calamity? What answer would you have expected from the disciples when Jesus asks, "can you share in this?" What does their answer reveal about their spiritual blindness? What insight do these verses (Isa 52:13-53:12; Phil 2:6-8) give to the nature of service Jesus was talking about? How does this compare to what comes to your mind when Jesus says serve? What does it mean that Jesus died as a ransom for many? What do these verses (Rom 5:12, 6:20, 22; Heb 2:14-15) say about our need to be ransomed and have a substitute die in our place? How is Mark 10:45 a summary statement of Jesus' mission?

LIVING IT OUT: Which of these statements best summarizes Jesus' teaching in this passage? A) If you want to follow me get ready to suffer and serve. B) If you want to be ambitious, be ambitious for the kingdom of God. C) If you want to be great, follow me to the lowest place. D) If you want to follow me, don't be so pushy. Where and how do you see the gap between Jesus coming to serve through death, and your own attempts to serve Him and others around you? How can your group or someone pray for you this week as you serve God and others? This week ask God to melt your heart as you examine Jesus' death.



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- **Thursday:** The Father planned His Son's death.
Isa 53:10; John 19:11; 2 Cor 5:21; Acts 2:23-24, 3:18
- **Friday:** The Father poured His wrath on Jesus.
Dt 32:39-41; Ps 1:5, 130:3; Isa 53:4-5, 10-11; Rom 1:4,18
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