



## **PART 4: THE KINGDOM NOW**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In the first century, the cross was a symbol of suffering and shame. In this series, we'll talk about how it represents an empowering invitation to a completely different way of life.

### **KEY SCRIPTURE**

1 Corinthians 1:18

Mark 10:32-45

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Read Mark 10:35-40 aloud. How can you relate to James and John? Specifically, in what area of your life do you want to have all the power and influence?
2. Read Mark 10:41-45 aloud. Why do you think the other ten disciples were upset?
3. Define "greatness" as it relates to the world.
4. In Mark 10:43 Jesus says four words that change everything for his followers: "Not so with you." How does Jesus redefine what it means to be "great"?
5. Which of these better describes you: "Believer in Jesus" or "Follower of Jesus"? Why do you say that?
6. What would it really mean for you to follow the way of the cross? In terms of giving away your life for the sake of someone else's well being, what's your next step? Do any of the following words give you an idea?

**Defer | Forgive | Give | Lose | Refrain | Serve | Surrender**

**Application Prayer:** Jesus, I choose to be great in your kingdom, to serve others. I surrender to the way of the Cross.