

## Dear Families:

Today we continued our study of the Gospel of Mark. Jesus was approached by two of His apostles, the brothers James and John. They asked Jesus for a favor: to be seated at His right and left when Jesus comes to His glory. This understandably made the other apostles a bit upset.

Jesus patiently explains that they have no idea what they are asking. To be with Jesus all the way to the Kingdom, to walk His path and drink from His cup, does not bring with it the power and prestige enjoyed by earthly kings. Being Jesus' right-hand man means suffering, pain, and-most of all- service. He reminds His disciples again that if you want to inherit the Kingdom with me, you have to be the least of all. You will be despised, rejected, and suffer. Your main purpose will be to serve others in all things. You will not get personal wealth and prosperity if you aspire to be a great leader for Jesus.

Are you willing to do what you are called to do, despite knowing this? We all want to be successful and secure. But God and man have different ideas of what that is. He does promise that if we work towards God's ideas and not our own, then He will prepare a place for us in His mansion of many rooms! It will be worth it in the end, for sure!

I know it seems early, but the class has already begun making plans for this year's Christmas Pageant. They have once again decided to write their own, and have a great idea in mind! We hope you can participate- please join us!

Thank you for being with us today!

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