

Group notes

*Week beg. 21st<sup>h</sup> October 2012 Teaching on the way Mark 10:35-45*

<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Ice Breaker</b> : Think of a time you were afraid or apprehensive about going somewhere and how it affected your feelings regarding the visit at the time?
<b>Worship ideas</b>	<b>Suggested songs:</b> SOF 58 Change my heart' O God. 830 I the Lord of sea and sky. 54 Brother, let me be your servant (NB: 20 files containing about 30 'newer' songs are still available to borrow from the office for groups)
<b>Word (refs. ↓)</b>	<i>some suggestions for discussion here – you might prefer to focus on just 2 or 3 questions</i>
Mark 10:32-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Mark 32-34 to set the scene for what follows</li> <li>• Why were the disciples 'astonished' and the people 'afraid'?</li> </ul>
Mark 10:35-45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This wasn't the first time Jesus challenged the disciples about 'servanthood'. Read Mark 9.30-36.</li> <li>• What were the differences and similarities between the two situations?</li> <li>• What exactly do you think James and John had in mind (v 37)? Note that Matthews version (Matt 20: 20-21) refers to their mother's involvement.</li> <li>• How do we feel when someone in church or at work or in our leisure activity seeks a position of authority that might aspire to?</li> </ul>
Mark 10:38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you understand by Jesus' questions about 'cup' and 'baptism'? v38 Do you think the disciples really understood?</li> <li>• Jesus confirmed that they would 'drink the cup' and 'be baptised' but not have the position they requested. How might this apply to us?</li> </ul>
Mark 10.32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there any difference between 'lording it' over someone and 'exercising authority'?</li> </ul>
Mark 10:43-44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian ministry is about 'servanthood'. Discuss!</li> <li>• Compare and contrast 10:v31 (last will be first) with 10.vv 43-44. (servanthood)</li> </ul>
<b>Wind</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for servant hearts.</li> </ul>
<b>Witness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek God's leading for situations at home, work, leisure or church where you might be a 'servant'.</li> </ul>