



October 20, 2024, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:35-45

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, in your blessed reign, the first are last and the last first. Remind us as often as it takes that we ought to seek greatness not through our own efforts, but as an extension of your healing arms reaching out in service to our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:43-45)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

James and John asked Jesus to appoint them to sit at his right and left when Jesus received his glory. Jesus admonished his disciples not to be lords but servants of all like the Son of Man, who gave his life a ransom for many.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Sometimes fair isn't the same for everyone. Think of a situation when people were treated differently, but it was fair. Were people ok with the circumstances? How was understanding achieved?
- When has suffering touched your life? How did it impact your faith?
- For the littles: What makes you special? Jesus knows how special you are!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May our God of healing fill you with hope to continue on the journey of faith. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Help those who are living without sight. Find your local school for the blind and offer to volunteer or donate resources for the students learning there.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 75; Job 40:1-24; Hebrews 6:1-12
Tuesday, Psalm 75; Job 41:1-11; Hebrews 6:13-20
Wednesday, Psalm 75; Job 41:12-34; John 13:1-17
Thursday, Psalm 34:1-8; 2 Kings 20:12-19; Hebrews 7:1-10
Friday, Psalm 34:1-8; Nehemiah 1:1-11; Hebrews 7:11-22
Saturday, Psalm 34:1-8; Job 42:7-9; Mark 8:22-26