

## “TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, October 21, 2018)

### Share:

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Arrogance, pretense, disharmony have no place in discipleship.

Serving God means receiving each person as though they are a beloved child.

Lord, truly help us to become your disciples.

Create in us hearts for ministries of partnership, community, and servanthood.

### Read these words from a hymn today:

Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day

Who heed the call to service, and make it their life's way

To go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,

To work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed.

Give thanks, O Christian people, for all who love the Lord,

Who live each day believing, in God's eternal Word:

To share Christ's love in living, to witness with each deed,

To use the talents given, to plant the gospel seed.

Give thanks, O Christian people, for life in fellowship

With all who trust our Savior, their serving to equip

To ease another's burdens, to cope in joy and stress,

To magnify God's message, and Christ's great love confess.

### Read this scripture from worship: Mark 10:35-45 (The Message)

<sup>35</sup> James and John, Zebedee's sons, came up to him. "Teacher, we have something we want you to do for us."

<sup>36</sup> "What is it? I'll see what I can do."

<sup>37</sup> "Arrange it," they said, "so that we will be awarded the highest places of honor in your glory—one of us at your right, the other at your left."

<sup>38</sup> Jesus said, "You have no idea what you're asking. Are you capable of drinking the cup I drink, of being baptized in the baptism I'm about to be plunged into?"

<sup>39-40</sup> "Sure," they said. "Why not?"

Jesus said, "Come to think of it, you *will* drink the cup I drink, and be baptized in my baptism. But as to awarding places of honor, that's not my business. There are other arrangements for that."

<sup>41-45</sup> When the other ten heard of this conversation, they lost their tempers with James and John. Jesus got them together to settle things down. “You’ve observed how godless rulers throw their weight around,” he said, “and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads. It’s not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage.”

Talk together, responding to these questions:

How might the question, “How can I help you?” open opportunities for service?

What are James and John seeking?

What does it mean to share in Christ’s glory?

How does Jesus say we can “live into greatness?”

How can I be a better servant?

Pray together:

Gracious God, keep me humble throughout the day. Help me to seek your wisdom as I stand in service to others. In your name I pray. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."