

Paradox 4: *The Least are Greatest* Matt. 20:20-28

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1. Go around the group and have folks share how they're doing this week. Take note of things that become prayer requests. **Open answer.**
2. What is the request James and John's mother makes of Jesus for her son's (See Mark 10:35-45 Peter's version and compare them)? **To sit at His right and left when He comes into His Kingdom. Mark's gospel (Peter's version) makes no mention of their mother.** What is the cup that Jesus asks if they can drink from? What is this all about? **It refers to Jesus' upcoming crucifixion and the type of radical servant leadership that He has modeled for them. Their request alone shows they aren't quite ready.**
3. Use any or all of the questions on 69-70 to get at Jesus' statement "not so with you".
4. Where did the model for leadership/kingship in the Old Testament come from? **From the surrounding peoples whose kings did "lord it over them".**
5. What were Jesus' attitude and actions toward leadership and how did they flip the current culture's upside down leadership views? **Attitude...the King is a servant. The actions were foot washing and crucifixion.**
6. Go over the personal application section on page 77-79, especially 1-4.
7. Ask folks to share the prayer they wrote in question 7.

Close using these prayers.