

The Pass-the-Plate Devos

"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table on the 21st week of Pentecost"

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³⁷They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." ³⁸"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" ³⁹"We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴²Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The Gospel of our Lord!

Thanks be to God!



Share about a time you came in first place and share about a time you came in last place.



1. What did James and John want from Jesus?
2. Jesus told James and John that they did not know what they were asking. Instead, Jesus asked them a question of his own. What did he ask them?
3. What is not in Jesus' power to grant?
4. When the other ten disciples heard about James and John's conversation with Jesus, how did they react?
5. What does Jesus say that someone must do if he or she wants to be first?
6. Why did the Son of Man come?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Play a game as a family. Remember to be affirming! Celebrate everyone's gifts and talents as you play – no matter who comes in first or last.