



The Cross of Christ

A Patient Love
Matthew 20:17-28

The main point...

“the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matt 20:28

_____ - became human

_____ - giving us what we need: **Salvation**

_____ - ransom for many

Jesus teaches through words and actions

God's love is confusing

God's love is greater than grief

God's love is patient

An instant vs in a lifetime

Salvation is an _____ / _____

Sanctification is a _____

God is patient for a purpose



Getting Started

Easter is in three weeks. Take some time to discuss how things are going as an Encounter Group, what could be improved. Do you plan on continuing in the Spring season (April to mid-June)?

Scripture

Read **Matthew 20:17-28**

Summarize what happens, then identify the key points Jesus is making in this passage.

Clearly servanthood is important to Jesus. Why do you think this is an important characteristic in God's eyes?

The *motivation* Jesus identifies for being a servant is to be first and be great. What do you make of this paradox?

Going Deeper

Review the sermon and discuss what stood out to you as worth remembering, something inspirational, or something questionable and worth discussion from the message.

Think about salvation and the process of sanctification. Would you say you are sure that you are saved? If so, when did you sense an assurance of this salvation? What are key realities of what it means to be "saved" to you?

Read the story of Zacchaeus in **Luke 19:1-10**, in verse 10 Jesus declares his mission. Consider verses 8 & 9, it seems clear that new behavior is part of salvation. From your understanding of the Bible, is the behavior the cause of salvation, or the result? How does this impact you?

Application

How have your behaviors and activities changed as a result of what you believe? How can you move forward in the process of sanctification? What is God calling you to change?