

## **LISTENING GUIDE**

### **Matthew 20:17-28 – Jesus' Suffering Brings Joy**

1. The request of James and John highlights my \_\_\_\_\_ human \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. Jesus became like us in every way to \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of Jesus' suffering was intense, but I must understand that it happened to him for \_\_\_\_\_ and for my \_\_\_\_\_.
  
4. We should be on the right and on the left of Jesus not on \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven but on \_\_\_\_\_.
  
5. I witness Jesus' suffering not to \_\_\_\_\_ but to realize what I have \_\_\_\_\_ through it:
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Jesus's suffering and resurrection allows me to...
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ God's will.
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ in God's will.
  - 3) Live to \_\_\_\_\_ others.

## **NEXT STEPS**

QUESTIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND APPLICATION TO TAKE THIS MESSAGE DEEPER INTO YOUR LIFE.

As we covered Matthew 20:17-28, Pastor didn't spend any time in this week's message on Jesus' question, "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" Jesus implies that they cannot, and yet he also answers that they will.

- 1. In what way do you believe James and John would not "drink the cup" Jesus was about to drink? To what did that refer? Cf. Matthew 26:39-42**
- 2. Look up Acts 12:2 and Revelation 1:9. In what ways did James and John "drink the cup" Jesus was about to drink?**
- 3. What does that lead you to recognize about whether you will experience suffering and difficulty in your life?**
- 4. Compose a prayer asking God to work in you through your witness of Jesus suffering to accept and rejoice in his will for your life, and to lead you to serve others in love.**

