

LISTENING GUIDE

Mark 10:35-45 – Jesus' Great Favor to You

1. “Can I ask you a _____?”
2. We see Jesus' _____ in his response and follow-up question to _____ the disciples.
3. The request began in hearts of _____.
4. Sometimes we too _____ important _____ of Jesus and his _____.
5. All Christians will have to drink Christ's _____ of blessings and _____.
6. No matter where I fall on the spectrum of Christian people I have a place _____ for me.
7. My place is _____ because Jesus became my _____ and _____ in order to set me _____.

LIFEGROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

COMPLETE THESE QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR LIFE GROUP.
BRING THIS SHEET AND A BIBLE WITH YOU TO YOUR LIFE GROUP.



WARM UP

If you could share a meal with one musician, who would that musician be?

INTRODUCTION

C. S. Lewis said, “I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation.” This rings true in our every day lives—we praise the people, sports teams, artists, politicians, and possessions that we love!

We also, then, ought to praise the most praiseworthy person in the world: Jesus Christ. His gospel, the good news that he has saved us, compels us to sing.

INTO GOD’S WORD

Last week we discussed how God and his Word has commanded us to sing. However, with singing, just as with the rest of our Christian lives, there is a much stronger motivation for us than the law. Look up the following references. **What motivated the songs and singing of these people?**

The First Stated Song in the Bible - Exodus 15:1-21

Psalms – Psalm 40:1-3

Read John 8:31-36 and Romans 8:31-39. **What motivates us to sing?**

True, heart-felt worship is a response to the revelation of God's good news of forgiveness and hope in the Bible. **What devotional practices will help you realize congregational singing as a response to freedom in Christ?**

What Psalm or other Scripture passage resonates with you as your "song of salvation"? Why is that?

INTO MY LIFE

The authors of *Sing!* share the story of Calvin Hunt. Calvin's life had been destroyed by crack cocaine. Living on the streets, estranged from his family, he stumbled into Brooklyn Tabernacle Church one day and heard the gospel of forgiveness and grace. In a testimonial video he sings with the choir the song, "*I'm Clean, I'm Clean,*" with his face shining and voice bursting with the lyrics.

What would you consider to be your own personal testimony song?

Are there any other hymns from your past that act as a milestone marker for your walk with Christ? Why are they still significant to you today?

What modern song (new to you in the past few years) has connected with you in such a way that it may become a “milestone” hymn for you in the future?

How do you incorporate the hymns of the church (past and present) in your personal life? How would you like to begin?

SHARING & PRAYER

Your prayer requests:

